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August 16, 1973

To: SAC, Cleveland

From: Director, FBI

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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY  
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER *et al*  
ELECTION LAWS  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION -  
WATERGATE UNIT)

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Enclosed for Cleveland are the original and one copy each of seven subpoenas together with four copies of a memorandum dated 8/10/73 received from the office of the Special Prosecutor. Enclosed for Washington Field is one copy of the 8/10/73 memorandum.

Cleveland insure that this case receives the same, immediate and preferred handling as have other cases growing out of the Watergate affair. Surep at the very earliest date possible.

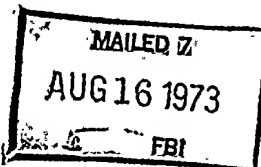
The office of the Special Prosecutor has indicated extreme interest in this matter and requests that the interviews be conducted as soon as possible, and as nearly at the same time as possible. Further, it is desired that in the event admissions are received from any of the interviewees that they were not actually the ultimate source of the contribution and that, in fact, the corporation actually made the contribution, a teletype summary of such admissions should be sent to the Bureau in order that the Special Prosecutor's office may be informed. Note that the thrust of all the interviews is to determine precisely the source of the contribution attributed to Steinbrenner and the eight other individuals who are to be interviewed.

Enclosures (18)

1 - Washington Field (Enclosure) (Info)

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Airtel to SAC, Cleveland  
RE: AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY

The enclosed subpoenas should be served on the appropriate [redacted] should be informed that the office of the Special Prosecutor will consider that the subpoena has been appropriately answered if [redacted] will allow FBI Agents [redacted]

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[redacted] In the event any of [redacted] by FBI Agents the Bureau is to be immediately advised in order that the Special Prosecutor's office may be informed.

Four copies of Cleveland's report should be furnished to the Bureau and no copies are to be designated for any U. S. Attorneys since this case is being handled by the Special Prosecutor. Washington Field follow and report prosecutive action, it being noted that the Special Prosecutor has determined that venue in this case will lie in the District of Columbia.



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

January 14, 1986

Born: [redacted]  
Hamilton, Ontario [redacted]

In response to your name check inquiry, the central files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your request.

[redacted] was one of several individuals who were the subjects of a criminal-type investigation conducted by the FBI from 1973 to 1976. This investigation concerned the possible violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Sections 371 and 610, which pertains to conspiracy and illegal corporate contributions.

[redacted] while an officer and employee of the American Ship Building Company (ASBC), Cleveland, Ohio, received a corporate bonus on the same day that he made a secret contribution to a re-election committee. There is attached one copy of an interview conducted with [redacted] regarding his participation in this matter.

In addition, on April 5, 1974, a fifteen count indictment was returned at Cleveland, Ohio, charging the main principal in this matter and the ASBC with violations of Title 18, Sections 2, 371, 610, 1001, 1503, and 1510, U.S. Code. On August 30, 1974, the main principal in this matter and the ASBC were sentenced in U.S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, as follows: the main principal received a \$10,000 fine regarding violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code and a \$5,000 fine for violation of Title 18, Section 3, U.S. Code; ASBC received fines of \$10,000 each for violation of Title 18, Section 371 and 610, U.S. Code. The remaining counts of the indictment were dismissed.

Original & One - SBA Investigations

Request Received: 11/4/85

1 - Mr. [redacted] (Attn: [redacted])

1 - Ms. [redacted]

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. Fingerprints are necessary for positive check.

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During the course of this investigation it was determined that immunity from prosecution was granted to eight officers and employees of ASBC (of which [REDACTED] was one), by a special prosecutor in this matter.

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The central files of this Bureau contain no additional information regarding captioned individual.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Clarence M. Kelley  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: 8/10/73

FROM : Henry S. Ruth, Jr.  
Deputy Special Prosecutor  
WSPF

HSR:RMW:mmj

SUBJECT: Campaign Contributions / George M. Steinbrenner

In the course of this office's investigation into violations of 18 U.S.C. Section 610 (illegal corporate contributions) and other federal laws, we have learned that George M. Steinbrenner, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Ship Building Company, 1210 Investment Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio, contributed about \$75,000 to the Nixon Campaign. Steinbrenner transmitted with his contribution, the following contributions, presumably from company employees:

1. Robert L. Dibble  
(27843 Detroit Road, Westlake, Ohio)  
Society National Bank - \$3000  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Check #1410  
4/6/72

2. [Redacted]  
Central National Bank - \$2800  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Check #246  
4/7/72

3. [Redacted]  
Central Security National Bank - \$3200  
Lorain, Ohio  
Check #5089  
4/6/72

4. [Redacted]  
Cleveland Trust - \$3500  
Lakewood, Ohio  
Check #1583  
4/6/72

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5. Robert Bartlome  
(274 Sunrise Drive, Amherst, Ohio)  
Lorain County Savings & Trust - \$3000  
Amherst, Ohio  
Check #1445  
4/6/72

6.   
Cleveland Trust - \$3000  
Lorain, Ohio  
Check #1544  
4/6/72

Cleveland Trust - \$100  
Check #1543  
4/6/72

7. Daniel Kissel  
(37849 Lake Drive, Avon, Ohio)  
Cleveland Trust - \$3500  
Lorain, Ohio  
Check #604  
4/6/72

8. Gordon Stafford  
(20328 Parklane Drive, Rocky River, Ohio)  
Cleveland Trust - \$2900  
Rocky River, Ohio  
Check #429  
4/7/72

TOTAL: \$25,000

We request the FBI to question Steinbrenner and each of the eight smaller contributors concerning the complete circumstances surrounding these contributions. In particular, an agent should question each concerning the amount of the contribution; the date of the contribution; the precise source of the funds; who solicited the contribution; the complete circumstances surrounding the solicitation; who delivered the contribution, to whom, when and where; what if any representations were made to the contributor about possible reimbursement, direct or indirect, immediate or deferred, and by whom. In addition, the agent should determine from each

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whether the individual made other political contributions in 1972, whether he made political contributions in 1968, and the complete circumstances surrounding these. Further, the agent should question each concerning the sources and forms of all compensation (including salary, bonus, stock options, and fringe benefits) from his company or other sources for the years 1968 through 1972. Finally, the agent should determine the name and address of all banks at which each individual had any account or safe deposit box from January 1, 1972 to date.

Attached are subpoenas duces tecum for the



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Please investigate all reasonable leads arising out of this investigation.

If further clarification of this investigative request is needed, please contact [redacted] of this office.

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10:45 PM NITEL 8-20-73 JSM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM CLEVELAND (56-83) (P)

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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER,  
ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT)  
OO: WFO.

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RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO CLEVELAND, 8/16/73.

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SERVED WITH SUBPOENAS IN INSTANT MATTER ON

8/20/73. ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH

AND

RAISED FOLLOWING POINTS

OF CONTENTION RE PERTINENT SUBPOENAS SERVED

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(1) THE REQUEST FOR

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(2) THE ISSUING OF THE SUBPOENA [REDACTED]

(3) THE INCLUSION OF [REDACTED] ON ONE SUBPOENA,

*LEGAL OFF. QUESTIONS*

SPECIFICALLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO EXPRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF ADVISING THE

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THE SUBPOENAS *SUBPOENA*  
*IS GOING TO DO THIS*

[REDACTED] WAS QUESTIONED SPECIFICALLY AS TO WHETHER THE

ABOVE POINTS WOULD INHIBIT [REDACTED] THE

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SUBPOENAED [REDACTED] WHEREUPON HE ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD NOT AND

THAT [REDACTED] IN RESPONSE TO THE

SUBPOENAS.

IT IS NOTED THE [REDACTED] OF SUBPOENAS

AS THEY WILL BE SPECIFICALLY INTERVIEWED RE INSTANT MATTERS

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9:30 PMPM URGENT 8-21-73 KAM

TO DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM CLEVELAND (56-83) (P) 2P

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER,  
ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT).  
OO: WFO.

RE CLEVELAND NITEL TO DIRECTOR AND WFO, 8-20-73.

[REDACTED] THIS DATE, ADVISED THAT AT THE  
INSTRUCTION OF [REDACTED] THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WOULD NOT MAKE THE SUBPOENAED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BY THE FBI INASMUCH AS THE

SUBPOENAS FURNISHED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED FUTHER THAT HE WOULD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT

[REDACTED] USDJ THIS DATE RE SUBPOENAS AND IF REQUESTED

TO DO SO, [REDACTED]

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of S. Pres.  
Cap' staff advised 8/21/73  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IT WAS REITERATED TO [REDACTED]  
THAT THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WILL CONSIDER THAT  
THE SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATELY ANSWERED IF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS  
AWARE OF THIS; HOWEVER, WOULD NOT ANSWER THE SUBPOENAS FOR THE  
REASON SET FORTH ABOVE.

IN ADDITION, [REDACTED] STATED INTENT OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OF THE RECEIPT  
OF SUBPOENAS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WILL BE DISCUSSED  
FUTHER WITH DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY [REDACTED].

AS BUREAU IS AWARE, COMPREHENSIVE INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CANNOT BE CONDUCTED UNLESS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

CLEVELAND NOT EXPERIENCING ANY DELAY TO DATE WITH OTHER  
[REDACTED]

BUREAU REQUESTED TO BRING ABOVE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION  
OF DEPARTMENT. 8/24 [REDACTED]

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*advised he talked  
to the [REDACTED]  
is sending a letter to [REDACTED]  
requesting FBI to give access  
to [REDACTED] A copy of the  
letter is being sent to Bureau.  
SAC Zebl, CV, was advised. CM*

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August 28, 1973

BY COURIER SERVICE

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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY  
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER  
ELECTION LAWS

This will confirm the discussion of August 27, 1973, between Mr. [ ] of the Special Prosecutor's Office and Special Agent [ ] of the FBI. Mr. [ ] was advised the Cleveland FBI Office on August 24, 1973, recontacted [ ]

[ ] to ascertain the status of [ ] requested by subpoenas issued by the Special Prosecutor's Office. [ ] advised he has not yet received a letter from the Special Prosecutor's Office to authorize disclosure of the [ ] He stated that upon instructions of [ ]

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after receipt of the anticipated letter from the Special Prosecutor's Office and upon the arrival of September 12, 1973, the date listed on the subpoenas, the bank will [ ] but not before.

Mr. [ ] advised that the letter to [ ] has not been sent as yet and in light of the foregoing information, a new subpoena with return date of [ ] will be immediately forwarded for service [ ]

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Mr. [ ] was advised that [ ] American Ship Building Company (ASBC), and Robert Bartlome, General Secretary of that firm, have been interviewed and furnished signed statements in which they advise of receipt of checks drawn on the payroll account of ASBC in amounts similar to or identical to the amounts of their campaign contributions on or about April 6, 1972. However, each of these men claims these contributions were in no way solicited by any company officials and that the sizeable payroll checks were company bonuses which just happened to be disbursed at that time. Each of these men stated his contribution was motivated by the availability of personal funds and their desires to financially support the Nixon Administration which each felt best represented their interests and those of the company.

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American Ship Building Company

It was pointed out to Mr. [ ] that interviews for additional officers of ASBC would need to be held in abeyance pending the obtaining of [ ]

[ ] Mr. [ ] stated that in view of the delays encountered [ ] it would be desirable that all of these officers be interviewed during the week of August 27-31, 1973, to obtain as much information as possible even though [ ]

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In view of the above, the Cleveland Office has been instructed to immediately interview the remaining officers of ASBC and submit a report as soon as possible. The results of these interviews will be furnished to the Special Prosecutor's Office as soon as they are received.

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NOTE: Original and one forwarded to Special Prosecutor's Office by 0-14, this date; one copy each to WFO and Cleveland by 0-7, for information, this date.

On 8/27/73, SA [ ] telephonically advised SAC Frederick Fehl, CV, of the results of above discussion. SAC Fehl advised the interviews will be scheduled at once and report submitted at the earliest possible date.

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11:05 PM NITEL 8-24-73 SLO

TO DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

FROM CLEVELAND

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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, ELECTION LAWS  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT) OO: WFO

RE CLEVELAND TEL OF 8/21/73.

ON 8/24/73, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECONTACTED TO ASCERTAIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REQUESTED VIA INSTANT SUBPOENAS. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE STILL HAS  
NOT YET RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE USDO AUTHORIZING THE DISCLOSURE OF

[REDACTED] TO FBI AGENTS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT PER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UPON RECEIPT OF ANTICIPATED LETTER, AND

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UPON ARRIVAL OF [REDACTED] DATE LISTED ON THE SUBPOENAS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND NOT BEFORE. IT IS NOTED

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BUREAU REQUESTED TO BRING ABOVE DESCRIBED MOST RECENT STIPULATION  
OF [REDACTED] TO ATTENTION OF USDJ.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU, [REDACTED] b6  
AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY (AMSHIP) AND ROBERT BARTLOME, GENERAL b7C  
SECRETARY, AMSHIP, INTERVIEWED AND IN SIGNED STATEMENTS CONFIRM RECEIPT

OF CHECKS DRAWN ON PAYROLL ACCOUNT OF AMSHIP SIMILAR OR IDENTICAL TO  
THE AMOUNTS OF THEIR CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS ON OR ABOUT 4/6/72;  
HOWEVER, EACH CLAIMS THE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE IN NO WAY SOLICITED BY ANY  
COMPANY OFFICIALS AND THAT THE SIZEABLE PAYROLL CHECKS WERE COMPANY  
BONUSES WHICH JUST HAPPENED TO BE DISBURSED AT THAT TIME. EACH STATED  
CONTRIBUTION WAS MOTIVATED MERELY BY THE AVAILABILITY OF PERSONAL FUNDS

AND THEIR OWN DESIRES TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION  
WHICH EACH FELT BEST REPRESENTED THEIR INTERESTS AND THOSE OF AMSHIP.

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[REDACTED] PRIOR TO

INTERVIEW. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTINENT  
DEVELOPMENTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Clarence M. Kelley  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
FROM : Attn: Accounting and Frauds Section  
Henry S. Ruth, Jr.  
Deputy Special Prosecutor  
Watergate Special Prosecution Force

DATE: 8/27/73

SUBJECT: Campaign Contributions / George M. Steinbrenner

With reference to our investigative request of August 10, 1973, we are sending three new subpoenas duces tecum to [redacted] which are returnable on September 4, 1973. These subpoenas, which are enclosed, are part of the investigation which we outlined in the August 10 investigative request..

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If further clarification of this investigative request is needed, please contact [redacted] of this office.

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Attachments.

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ENCLOSURE

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August 24, 1973

Dear [redacted]:

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H. J. [redacted] Co.

Pursuant to our conversation of August 21,  
please be advised that FBI Agents [redacted]  
[redacted] are acting as agents of Archibald Cox, the  
Watergate Special Prosecutor. These agents are authorized  
to [redacted]  
have been subpoenaed by the Grand Jury. We will consider  
your [redacted] as complete  
compliance with the subpoenas.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Your truly,

[redacted]  
Assistant Special Prosecutor

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File No. 315

Agent [redacted]

Accounting & Fraud Section

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*Handwritten notes:*  
This is a copy of the original letter to [redacted] dated 8/24/73. It is being placed in the file of [redacted] for their information. [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

Airtel

8-29-73

TO: SAC, Cleveland (56-83)

FROM: Director, FBI

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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY  
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Enclosed for Cleveland are two copies of a memorandum dated 8-27-73, together with the original and one copy each of three subpoenas for service on . One copy of the 8-27-73, memorandum is enclosed for WFO.

Note the return date of the enclosed subpoenas is  and further, that by letter dated 8-24-73, the Office of the Special Prosecutor advised  that Special Agents  are authorized to  subpoenaed by the grand jury.

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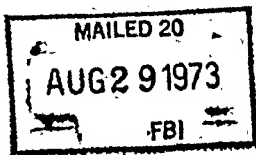
Bureau should continue to be kept informed of significant developments and any problems encountered in completing this investigation.

Enclosures (8)

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1- Mr. [redacted]

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TO: SAC, ~~REC-19~~ Cleveland (56-83)

FROM: Director, FBI

56-4737-7

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY  
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER  
ELECTION LAWS  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION -  
WATERGATE UNIT)  
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EX-103

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 8/30/73 at Cleveland.

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Enclosed for receiving offices are two copies each of a revised Table of Contents which should be substituted for the original Table of Contents in rerep. In the future please list enclosures for the Special Prosecutor's Office following the synopsis of a report. Also, as [redacted] may possibly become the best available evidence in a court proceeding, they should have been initialed and dated by the Agent who obtained them. In the future, please conform to this practice.

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Enclosures (2)

1- WFO (Enclosures 2)

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN SHIP-BUILDING COMPANY  
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER  
ELECTION LAWS  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION -  
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Enclosed to the Bureau are four (4) copies of  
 Cleveland report of SA [redacted] dated 8/30/73 in  
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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER,  
ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT).

RE CLEVELAND REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] OF 8/30/73, AND  
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PURSUANT TO SUBPOENA SERVED ON [REDACTED]

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BUREAU WILL NOTE THAT THE AMOUNTS OF THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS WERE SET FORTH IN THE DEPARTMENTAL MEMO WHICH INITIATED THIS INVESTIGATION.

IN MOST CASES, THE AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY OFFICERS INTERVIEWED DID NOT RECALL THE SPECIFIC NAMES OF THE COMMITTEES TO WHOM THE CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FORM OF CHECKS WERE DIRECTED OR MADE PAYABLE TO. FURTHER DETAILS OF THE ACCOUNTS REGARDING THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SET FORTH IN THE RESPECTIVE INTERVIEWS OF THESE OFFICERS, WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE REFERENCED REPORT.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [redacted]</b>	TYPED BY <b>mab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT)</b>	

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## REFERENCE

Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 8/16/73.  
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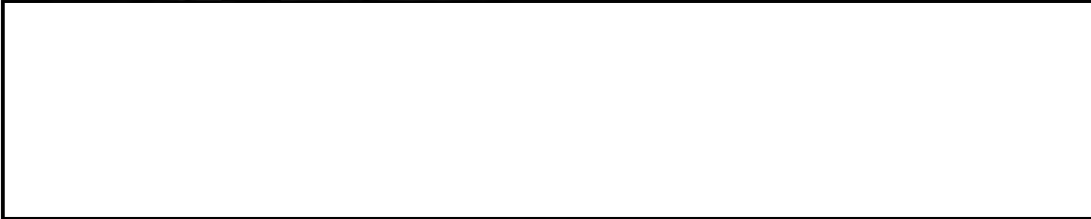
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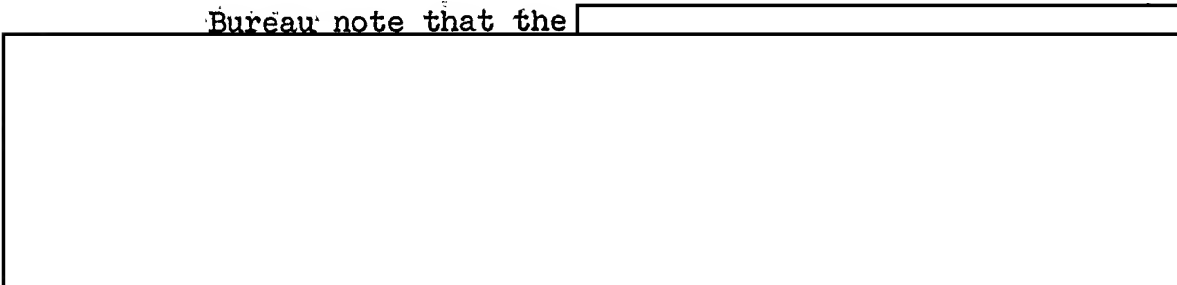


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For information of the Bureau, [redacted] has been contacted for at least two years during the course of any criminal or security matters involving members of the American Ship Building Company, Lorain, Ohio, where [redacted] is employed as the [redacted]

Cleveland indices negative regarding ROBERT E.

BARTLOME, [redacted]  
ROBERT LYONS DIBBLE. DANIEL AUGUST KESSEL, [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted and utilized as a non  
symbol source in connection with [redacted]

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RE: GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER  
Chief Executive Officer of  
American Chip Building Company  
Cleveland, Ohio

During course of an extortion investigation conducted  
by the Cleveland, Ohio Division during July - September, 1972,  
STEINBRENNER was the recipient of several threatening telegrams  
from an individual identified as [redacted] as set forth in  
Cleveland airtel to Bureau entitled, [redacted] GEORGE  
STEINBRENNER - VICTIM; EXTORTION; CV 9-2291".

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

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Title:

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY,  
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER

Character:

ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

Subpoenas served on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The counsel  
for [REDACTED] as of 8/24/73 took  
the position [REDACTED]

requested by the subpoenas until 9/12/73 and until receipt of written confirmation from the USDJ. The pertinent officers or employees of the American Ship Building Company or their respective subsidiaries were interviewed and in signed statements all furnished their recollections regarding the circumstances of their contributions to NIXON campaign committee on or about 4/6/72. Each interviewee stated he received a company bonus around the same time that he made the contribution but claimed that their contributions were all of their own desires and in no way were motivated or solicited by GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER or any other company officials. Each official advised he wrote his campaign contribution varying in amounts from \$2800 to \$3500 on a personal check and gave the check to ROBERT BARTLOME, General Secretary of the company, who reportedly then gave the checks to [REDACTED] with the company, who allegedly handcarried the checks to Washington, D.C. Available bank records indicated the deposit of the company bonus checks in the personal checking accounts of company officials; however, those interviewed stated that they would have made contributions to the NIXON campaign regardless of the receipt of their bonuses.

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ENCLOSURES: For the Office of the Special Prosecutor,  
U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.,  
[REDACTED] of the  
following officials of the American Ship  
Building Company: [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

PREDICATION

Investigation in this matter is predicated upon receipt of a letter directed to the Director of the FBI dated August 10, 1973 from the Deputy Special Prosecutor, U.S. Department of Justice, requesting an investigation into a campaign contribution matter regarding GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER.

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[redacted]  
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was contacted at his place of business.

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[redacted] was already aware of the identity of Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as SAs of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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[redacted] was informed of the existence of and furnished a copy of a subpoena directed to [redacted]

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[redacted] dated the [redacted] and issued from the District Court of JOHN J. SIRICA, United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

This subpoena requests [redacted]  
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[redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] that the office of the special prosecutor, Washington, D.C. would consider the subpoena as having been appropriately answered if [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Upon a review of the subpoena, [redacted] noted that he is aware that [redacted] with the American Shipbuilding Company, Lorain, Ohio, which firm is [redacted] and which firm is managed by GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER.

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[redacted]  
Lorain, Ohio, was interviewed in the executive office area of the American Shipbuilding Company, Lorain, Ohio, in the presence of [redacted] for that firm.

[redacted] were advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and both were advised that the matter under investigation concerned a possible violation of election laws, specifically campaign contributions and the funding of campaign contributions by corporations through officers of the corporation of private individuals.

Mr. [redacted] was thereafter orally advised of his rights by SA [redacted] and furnished an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form which he read, stated he understood and then signed with the concurrence of Mr. [redacted] who stated that neither he nor [redacted] had any reluctance to sign.

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Thereafter [redacted] was questioned by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] concerning a campaign contribution made by him via a \$3,200 check dated April 6, 1972 for the campaign of RICHARD M. NIXON.

At the conclusion of the interview the following statement was prepared, read by [redacted] and [redacted] any corrections requested were made, and thereafter the statement was signed.

The statement reads as follows:

"Lorain, Ohio

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"August 23, 1973

"I, [redacted] furnish the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I have been advised that I am being interviewed concerning a possible violation of election laws matter, specifically an April 6, 1972, contribution by me to the campaign of RICHARD NIXON.

"I have been orally advised of my rights and furnished an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form which I have read in the presence of [redacted]

[redacted] for the American Ship Building Company. I fully understand my rights and the rights form and have voluntarily signed the form.

" I have been employed at the American Ship Building Company since January, 1965. In late 1965 I was appointed [redacted] and in 1969 I was appointed [redacted] of the company.

"Regarding my April, 1972, campaign contribution I make the following observations:

"The contribution was made in the amount of \$3,200.00 (dollars) in the form of a check drawn on the joint account of me and [redacted].

"I do not recall the specific date of the contribution other than the fact that the contribution was made prior to a new campaign contributions law going into effect. The only aspect of the new law I was concerned with was the fact that when the law went into

effect a contribution and the source of same could be public information.

"The source of the funds covering my contribution in the amount of \$3,200 was a bonus from American Ship Building Company in the net amount of \$3,050.00 which was paid to me in the form of a company check on the payroll account which is the only method by which American Ship Building Company disburses bonuses.

- "The contribution was not solicited by anyone either privately or thru the company and merely was motivated by my own desire to financially support the administration which I thought best represented my interests and those of the American Ship Building Company. I did not get or expect to receive anything in return for my contribution other than the continuation of the NIXON Administration. Specifically, President NIXON's administration had been responsible for the passage of the U.S. Maritime Act of 1970 which was of significant help to shipping and ship construction on the Great Lakes.

"Prior to my making the contribution there had been much discussion among company employees regarding making political contributions and political activity and campaign contributions were encouraged by GEORGE STEINBRENNER, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive officer. I had mentioned my desire to a number of other executive officers including ROBERT BARTLOME, who, I believe, discussed the subject with STEINBRENNER, as BARTLOME produced the names of a number of committees, perhaps 6 to 12 in number,

which committees were a means to contribute to the NIXON campaign. BARTLOME mentioned something to the effect that the list was a list of committees provided by GEORGE STEINBRENNER that we might contribute to. There was no specific meeting convened for the purpose of soliciting contributions. I wrote my check and gave the check to ROBERT BARTLOME, secretary of the company as he was the individual the checks were being given to as it seemed that BARTLOME was the individual who would see that the checks got to their destination. There was no specific request that the contributions be in the form of checks; however, I am not aware of any cash contributions.

"Another reason for my making the contribution was the fact that I was financially in a position to make such a contribution. I know of no connection or relationship between the issuance of the company bonuses and the giving of the campaign contributions. I believe there are some company employees who received bonuses but who did not contribute.

"I gave my personal check to BARTLOME, who was collecting the other checks and I understand the checks were taken to Washington, D.C., but I do not know who took the checks there. Apparently the checks were personally transported because of the impending deadline for the new law which was a few days away.

"There was no statement or any kind of representation made to me by anyone about any kind of any reimbursement, consideration, or anything of value, direct or indirect, immediate or deferred,



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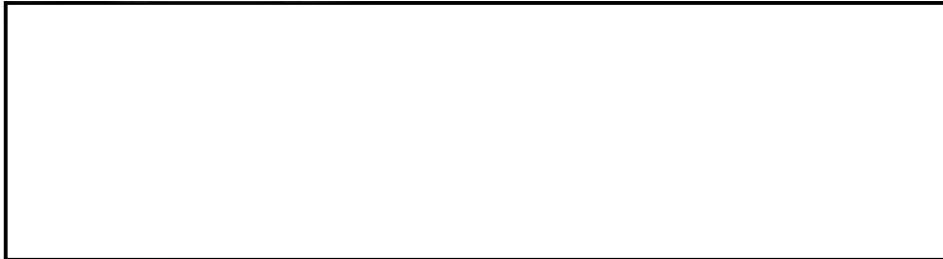
regarding my making or not making a campaign contribution to either the NIXON campaign or any other local, state or Federal election.

"I also recall making a \$1,000 and a \$2,000 contribution both in personal checks. One of the contributions was to the Democratic Party and the other was either for a Republican or Democratic campaign dinner. I also recall making two contributions in the amount of \$500 and \$750 to the Congressional campaign of CHARLES MOSHER the Republican Congressman from Oberlin, Ohio.

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"The above statement represents the accurate account of my knowledge of the circumstances regarding my April, 1972, campaign contribution. I have not discussed my statement or responses to possible questions regarding my contribution and I have not been coached or otherwise told how to respond.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and three other pages and certify that the above is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]  
August 23, 1973

"Witnesses:

\*/s/ [redacted]  
/s/ SA [redacted] FBI,  
Cleveland. Ohio 8/23/73  
/s/ SA [redacted] Special  
Agent, FBI, Cleveland 8/23/73"

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[redacted] advised that since approximately 1967 his salary has increased from around \$15,000 to his present \$20,000 to \$27,000 salary. He advised that he is interested in keeping his present position with American Ship and maintaining his salary and with regard to supporting various candidates of either party he would

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contribute whatever he can to the campaign of any candidate who he feels will best represent his interests and those of the American Shipbuilding Company.

Concerning the \$1,000 and \$2,000 contributions by check that he made early in 1972, he believes these contributions were solicited of him by mail but does not recall the specific times or circumstances. He noted that his campaign contributions are fully available for inspection and are reported on his annual income tax return. [redacted] noted also that any bonus given him or any other officer of the company reflects the net amount, that is the bonus minus any local, state or Federal income taxes and he believes that any bonuses offered may be discussed, authorized or acted upon by a meeting of the Board of Directors of Amship.

Mr. [redacted] stated he would be completely willing without any hesitation to furnish the above account of his campaign contributions to any Grand Jury with full confidence that the above is the complete truth as he knows it.

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The following was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted] SOC SEC # [redacted]
Place of birth	Lorain, Ohio
Height	6'
Weight	210 pounds

[redacted]  
LORAIN, OHIO

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Eyes Blue  
Hair Brown  
Employment [REDACTED]  
American Shipbuilding Company  
Lorain, Ohio

Social Security  
Account Number [REDACTED]  
Education [REDACTED]

Military Service [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

Lorain, Ohio

Home telephone  
number [REDACTED]

Relatives

Wife [REDACTED]

Son [REDACTED]

Daughters [REDACTED]

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After having read and signed the prepared statement, [REDACTED] requested a photostatic copy of the statement and was furnished the same.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment on the afternoon of August 21, 1973.

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the FBI. [redacted] was presented with a subpoena duces tecum from the United States District Court (USDC) for the District of Columbia, [redacted]

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[redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] that if the [redacted] that the subpoena will be considered as appropriately answered.

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At this point, [redacted] requested to be permitted to consult with [redacted] which he did privately.

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Shortly thereafter, [redacted] returned, along with [redacted] who was introduced to the interviewing agents as the [redacted]

[redacted] produced the original and a carbon copy of a written confirmation directed to the FBI setting forth the above fact that the subpoena would be considered complied with if [redacted]

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The above described statement was read by the interviewing agents and thereafter signed with the original being returned to [redacted] and the carbon copy retained by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] were advised by SA [redacted] that the assigning of the above described statement merely confirmed SA [redacted] statement regarding the answering of the subpoena and that the agents could not speak for or directly represent the United States District Court as [redacted]

[redacted] Both Mr. [redacted] and [redacted] acknowledged this stipulation.

[redacted] then provided [redacted]

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[redacted] was questioned as to the [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that these items could be obtained, and he did obtain copies of these two above described items.

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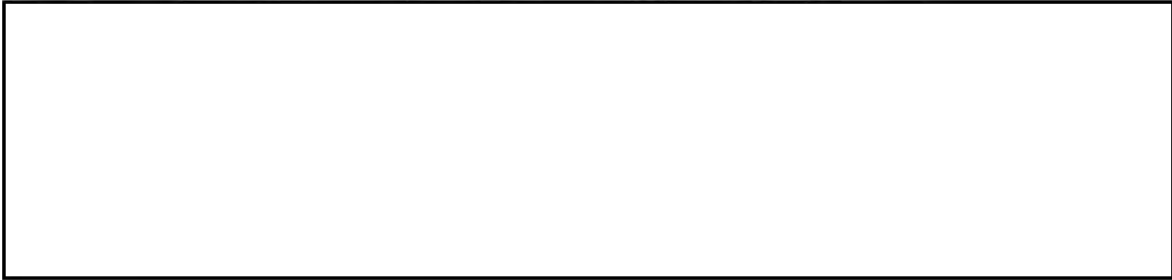
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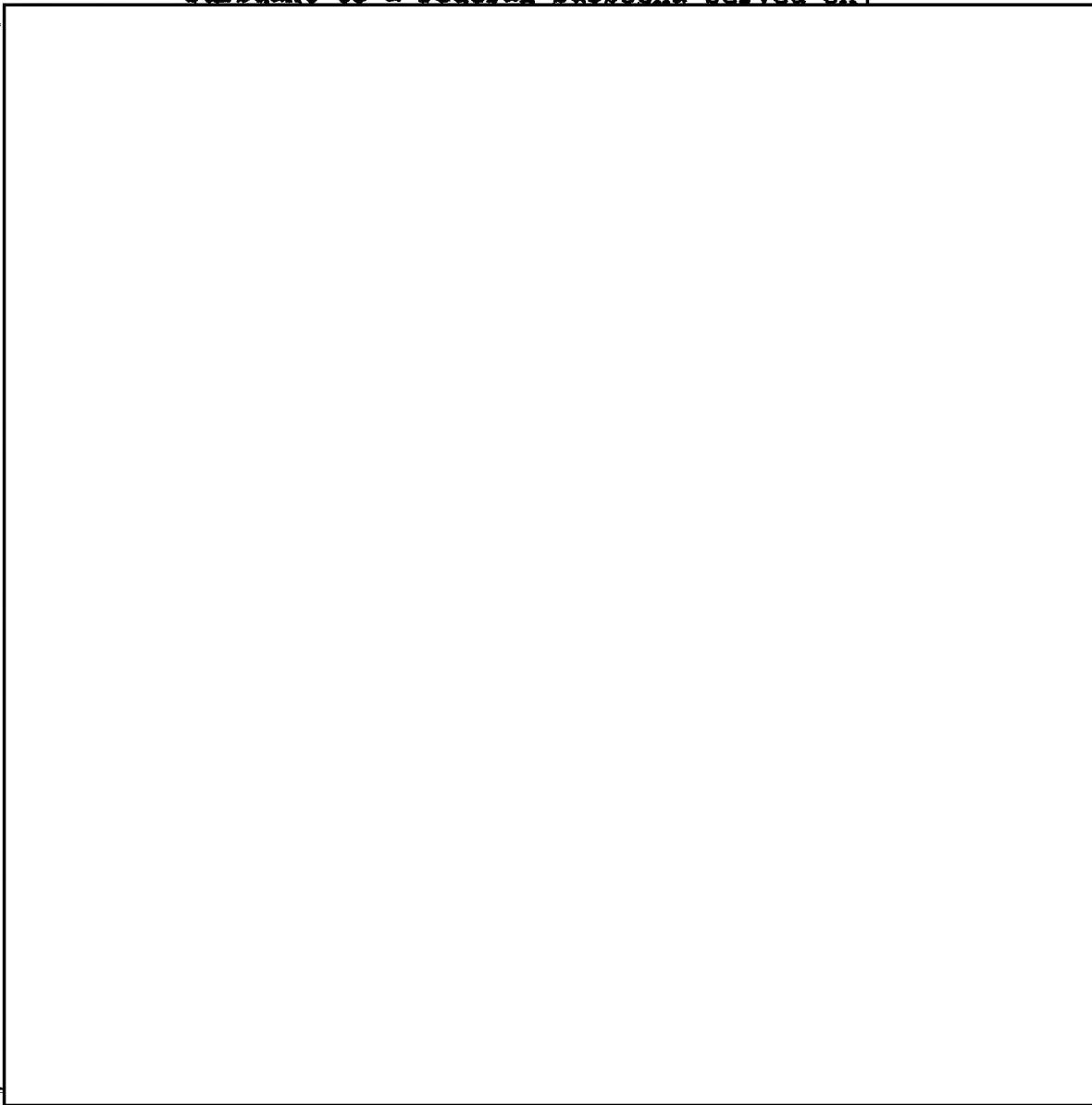
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ROBERT E. BARTLOME was contacted at his place of employment, American Ship Building Company, Lorain, Ohio, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

Lorain, Ohio 8/23/73

"I, ROBERT E. BARTLOME, make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Agent [redacted] furnished me with an interrogation and advice of rights form which I read, understood and executed the waiver section of this form.

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"I have been employed by American Ship Building Company since 1965 to the present. I was originally employed as manager of systems and procedures and since 1968 I have held the position of corporate secretary.

"At the beginning of my employment with American Ship Building my salary was somewhere between \$13,000.00 and \$14,000.00 and my current salary is \$27,500.00. I have had gradual increases since 1968, the latest increase was January 24, 1973 when my salary increased from \$26,300.00 to \$27,500.00.

"In addition to my salary stated above, I have also recieved bonuses since 1968 from American Ship Building Company averaging about \$5,000.00 per year. My bonus in 1972 amounted to \$7500.00

"In connection with the bonus I recieved in 1972, I elected to take \$5,000.00 in 1972 and defer the \$2,500.00 balance until January, 1973 for tax purposes.

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"Any bonus which I receive is less the city, state and federal taxes. I am in the 38% tax bracket.

"In addition to salary and bonuses received from American Ship Building Company I also have stock options. Since 1965 I have exercised my stock option of 451 shares at \$22.22 per share. I also have future stock option of 330 shares at \$11.62 per share and 1000 shares at \$23.50 per share, these options to expire in 1975 or 1976.

"In addition to the above salary, bonus and stock option plans the only other fringe benefits I receive in connection with my employment are two weeks vacation per year and a pension plan which will give me \$6.25 per month per each years service.

"In 1972 I recall making the following political contributions:

"In approximately February 1972 I purchased two tickets to the Senate majority dinner in Washington, D.C. at \$1,000.00 per ticket. Neither I or my wife attended this dinner. In connection with these tickets I was solicited through the mail by an individual whose identity I cannot recall. I mailed the check for the tickets to the address furnished me by the solicitor.

"Also in February 1972 I was solicited through the mail to purchase a ticket to the Democratic Campaign dinner in Washington, D.C. by an individual whom I presently recall may have been Senator HARRIS of Oklahoma. I purchased a ticket to this dinner and forwarded my check to the Washington address furnished by the solicitor. I also recall receiving a telephone call by someone employed by Senator HARRIS, possibly his secretary, to determine if I was going to attend the dinner, which I did not.

"In April of 1972 I made a \$3,000.00 contribution to one of the committees for the re-election of President NIXON. In connection with this contribution a group of eight or nine employees of American Ship Building Company had talked over the benefits that the passage of the Merchant Marine Act of 1970 brought to the employees of the maritime industry. We felt we wanted to contribute in some way to the re-election of President NIXON, so I personally asked Mr. GEORGE STEINBRENNER, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Ship Building Company how to contribute. Mr. STEINBRENNER subsequently furnished me with a list of various committees to which contributions could be made for the re-election of President NIXON, and the addresses of the committees. When the group of eight or nine individuals mentioned above had prepared their checks for this purpose, the checks were given to Mr. [REDACTED] a public relations employee of American Ship Building Company who personally took these checks to Washington, D.C. and delivered them to the committee to whom the checks were written. [REDACTED]

"In connection with any previous contributions to political campaigns from 1968 up to 1972 I can not recall at this time if I actually made contributions in 1968 or 1969 but it is possible I made contributions during those years. I do recall making political contributions in 1970 and 1971, but I do not recall the amounts of these contributions, or to whom the contributions were paid. I do have all of my personal checking account cancelled checks dating back to 1968 and would be able to determine any such contribution by reviewing these checks.

"I wish to state that all of the contributions that I have made to political campaigns from 1968 thru 1972 were made from my personal checking account and that the money deposited in my checking account for this purpose would have been from my personal earnings either through salary, bonuses or from deposits from my personal savings account.

"I wish to state that in connection with any political contributions I have made there have been no promises or representations made to me to induce these contributions, nor has any plan been made to me by anyone for any direct or indirect reimbursement to me in the amount of the contributions that I made. I further state that I was not coerced in any way by my employer to in any way participate in any political campaign contributions.

"In connection with my personal financial status I wish to state that I own my residence outright and the present value of this residence is approximately \$35,000.00. I also began dealing in the stock market in 1965, and now have approximately \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 in stocks and mutual funds. The majority of my stock transactions have been handled through Mrs. [REDACTED] of Ocala, Florida.

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"In connection with the banks I have personally dealt with since January 1, 1972 to the present time, I wish to state as follows:

"I have a checking and savings account at the Lorain County Savings & Trust Company in Amherst, Ohio, the average balance would fluctuate between \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00. I have a savings account at the Lorain National Bank on Rt. 58, Lorain County, Ohio and maintain an average balance of \$300.00 to \$500.00. I have a savings account at Citizens Savings in Amherst, Ohio, where I maintain a balance of \$7,500.00 to \$8,000.00. I also have a safety deposit box at Citizens Savings in Amherst, Ohio which I have had for about two years.

"In reference to line five of page four of this statement I would like to clarify the figure eight or nine contributors and state that as many as fifteen or twenty fellow employees may have discussed making contributions at various times.

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"I have read this statement consisting of this and six other pages. I have initialed each page and each correction. This statement is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

"/s/ ROBERT E. BARTLOME  
8/23/73

"Witnesses:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Elyria, Ohio, 8/23/73

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"/s/ [redacted] F.B.I.,  
Elyria, Ohio 8/23/73"

In addition to the above information. BARTLOME was questioned [redacted]

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[redacted] After completion of the interview, BARTLOME advised he telephonically contacted [redacted] and determined the following [redacted]



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In connection with the granting of bonuses by the American Ship Building Company, BARTLOME stated the stock holders had a meeting on January 24, 1973, and following this meeting was the meeting of the Board of Directors. He believes it was at this meeting that the authority was given to various corporate heads to give out bonuses during the year. He stated the final approval for any bonus would be given by Mr. GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Ship Building Company, and

[redacted] who in 1972 was Mr. [redacted]  
and who in 1973 is Mr. [redacted]

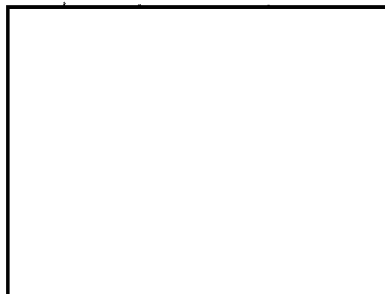
The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex	male
Race	white
Date of birth	11/7/22
Place of birth	Lorain, Ohio
Height	6'1"
Weight	195 lbs.
Hair	black and graying
Eyes	brown
Scars	cyst scar near tailbone gall bladder operation scar

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Marital status married

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Education

graduated from Spencerian  
Business College  
Cleveland, Ohio  
1941

Social Security  
Number

282-20-2715

Residence

274 Sunrise Drive  
Amherst, Ohio  
telephone - 984-8680

Employment

American Ship Building Company  
Lorain, Ohio

Occupation

Corporate secretary

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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Cleveland, Ohio, was contacted at his place of employment.

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of  
[redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents (SAs)  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted]  
was exhibited the original and one copy of a subpoena issued  
from the United States District Court for the District of  
Columbia, dated August 10, 1973 by the Honorable JOHN J.  
SIRICA, commanding [redacted]

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Following a review of the subpoena, [redacted]  
was specifically advised by SA [redacted] that the office of the  
special prosecutor, Washington, D.C. will consider that the  
subpoena has been appropriately answered if [redacted]  
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[redacted] stated he would initiate an appropriate  
inquiry [redacted] and  
immediately notify SA [redacted]

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] MVH:kls Date dictated 8-24-73

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Date of transcription 8/23/731

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Cleveland, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interview-  
ing agent, after which [redacted] furnished the following  
information pursuant to a Federal subpoena served [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]

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by SA [redacted] mrw <sup>b6</sup><sub>b7C</sub> Date dictated 8/22/73

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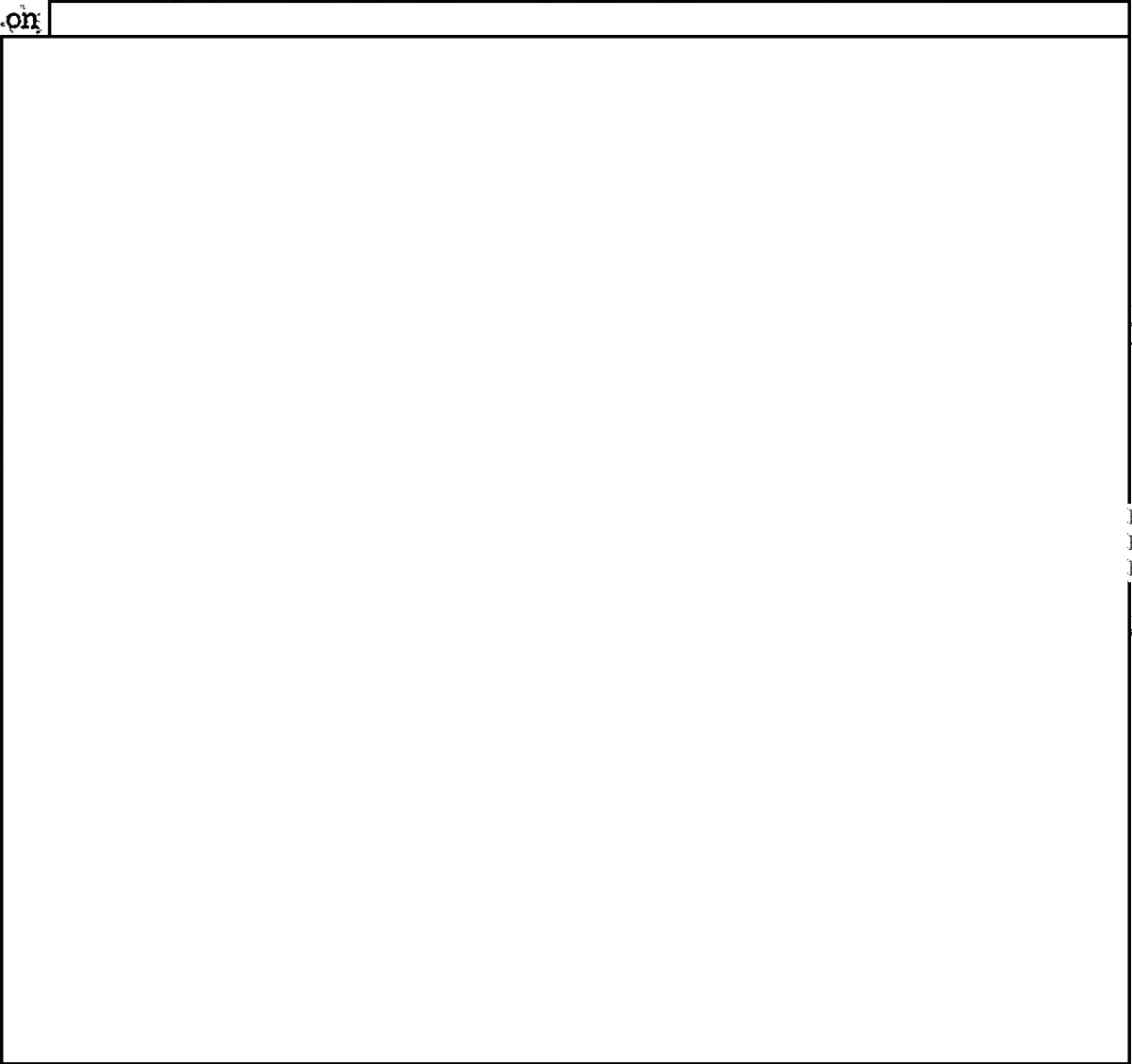
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Date of transcription 8-28-731

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment, the American Ship Building Company, 12th Floor Investment Plaza, East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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[redacted] in the presence of [redacted] American Ship Building Company, was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] of the nature of the investigation and orally advised of his rights and furnished an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form" which he read, stated he understood, and voluntarily signed.

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Thereafter, in response to questioning, [redacted] furnished his recollection of the facts concerning a check in the amount of \$2,800, dated April 7, 1972, drawn on his checking account at Central National Bank, Cleveland, Ohio.

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[redacted] statement was reduced to writing and after having been read the prepared statement, signed it, which statement reads as follows:

"Cleveland, Ohio  
August 28, 1973

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"I, [redacted]  
[redacted] furnish the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I have been told

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] b6  
SA [redacted] MVH:lmv b7C Date dictated 8/28/73



that this investigation concerns a possible violation of Federal laws concerning campaign contributions, specifically corporate campaign contributions.

"I have been advised of my rights as set forth on an 'Interrogation; Advice of Rights' form which I read and signed in the presence of the above agents and [redacted]

[redacted] for the American Ship Building Company.

I am presently [redacted]

[redacted] of American Ship Building Company. I have been associated with GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER in a business capacity since 1966 while I was with Kinsman Marine Transit at which time I was earning about \$10,000. I currently earn \$35,000 in salary per year, own a house valued at about \$52,000, and own property in Canada with a value of about \$100,000. I own about 138 shares of stock in American Ship Building Co., at about \$20 per share, for value of \$2,500 - \$3,000. I have a checking account with Central National Bank and Union Commerce Bank in Cleveland, Ohio, and two checking accounts with the Royal Bank of Canada in St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada.

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"Regarding a campaign contribution made by me to the campaign of RICHARD NIXON I recall that I made the contribution by personal check in an amount between \$2,500 and \$3,000 which was drawn on the Central National Bank, Cleveland, Ohio. The campaign contribution was motivated solely by my own desire to make a contribution to NIXON's campaign and the fact that I was in a financial position to make such a contribution. At the time I wrote the check I had been talking with [redacted] and ROBERT BARTLOME and other company officers and employees about the

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campaign. I was not aware of how to go about making the contribution but I was shown a list of several committees which I was told represented the Nixon campaign. I do not recall the specific committee that I made the check payable to

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"My contribution was not solicited by any AMSHIP officer or by anyone else and I was not told that I could expect any kind of reimbursement or any thing of any value at anytime immediate or deferred.

"Around the same time that I wrote the check, although I do not recall whether before or after I received a company bonus in the form of a check drawn on the account of AMSHIP made out to me. The bonus was I believe for \$5,000 total and I would have received a net amount of about \$2,800 which I deposited in my checking account. I know of no connection between the company offering the bonus at that time and my making the contribution. Even if I had not received the bonus I still would have made a campaign contribution of some amount.

"I gave my check to ROBERT BARTLOME, Secretary of AMSHIP or AMSHIP Corp., who told me he would take care of it. I do not know what happened to the check after that other than it was cashed.

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"The only other campaign contribution I recall making was to U.S. Congressman WILLIAM MINSHALL which was in 1972 for about \$100.00.

"The above account of my recollection of the campaign contribution to the Nixon campaign is based solely on my recollection of the facts and was not prompted or influenced by any AMSHIP officials, and my contribution was solely my own desire rather than any company project.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and 2 other pages and state that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

"Witness: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI,  
Cleveland, Ohio, 8-28-73.

[REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI,  
Cleveland, 8-28-73."

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At his request, [REDACTED] was furnished a photostatic copy of the above three-page statement.

In addition to the above information, [REDACTED] stated that he does not recall specific amounts of various financial transaction checks written or other monies personally expended by himself as he claimed that he is in a position to make relatively large expenditures because of his comfortable financial situation.

As an example, he noted that he also received a bonus during this year, 1973, possibly in the amount of

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\$5,000 but does not recall the month or exact season that he received the bonus. He noted that GEORGE STEINBRENNER is the type of boss who may make a casual statement to the effect that an employee will receive a bonus or a raise and sometime thereafter, perhaps several months, he will receive same.

He stated he has no information concerning any other bonuses that any other officers may have received and noted that the bonus that he received around the time that he made the contribution to the Nixon Campaign was the bonus he had been expecting from the company since his discussion with GEORGE STEINBRENNER some time in November or December, 1971.

[redacted] noted that the receipt of the bonus and his making the \$2,800 campaign contribution are merely coincidental as far as both occurring at the same time, and he stated that even if he had not received the bonus, he would still have made a contribution to the Nixon Campaign as he thought the Nixon Administration better represented the interest of the American Ship Building Company than did the administration of GEORGE MC GOVERN.

In response to questioning, [redacted] stated that his recollection of the circumstances surrounding the campaign contribution are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and that he would not hesitate to relate the same account before any judicial proceedings or any grand jury.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:  
Sex:  
Race:

[redacted]  
Male  
White

BORN [redacted]  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

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Date of birth:-  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
Social Security  
Account Number:  
Citizenship:

[REDACTED]

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

6'2"

220 lbs.

Brown

Green

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Address:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

North Olmsted, Ohio

Home telephone:

[REDACTED]

Education:

[REDACTED]

Relatives:

Previous  
employment:

[REDACTED]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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GORDON STAFFORD, age 55, 20328 Parklane Drive, Rocky River, Ohio, was contacted at his place of employment, the American Ship Building Company, 12th Floor, Investment Plaza, East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

STAFFORD was advised of the identities of [ ] and [ ] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and was informed by SA [ ] of the nature of the investigation. STAFFORD, in the presence of [ ] for the American Ship Building Company, was orally advised of his rights by SA [ ] as set forth on an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form" which he read, stated that he understood and signed.

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Thereafter, STAFFORD, who stated he is Vice President of Sales of American Ship Building Company, furnished the following signed statement:

"Cleveland, Ohio  
August 28, 1973

"I, GORDON STAFFORD, age 55, 20328 Parklane Dr., Rocky River, Ohio, desire to furnish the following free and voluntary statement to [ ] and [ ] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been told that this investigation concerns a possible violation of Federal laws concerning campaign contributions, specifically corporate campaign contributions.

"I have been advised of my rights as set forth on an 'Interrogation; Advice of Rights'

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by SA [ ] and SA [ ] MVH:lm Date dictated 8/28/73

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form which I read and signed in the presence of the above agents and [REDACTED] for the American Ship Building Company.

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"I have been employed by the American Ship Building Company since 1937. I became manager of the Lorain, Ohio yard around 1954 and then was made an assistant to the Vice President of Sales for American Ship Building Company and earn \$30,000 per year. I own a \$50,000 home which has about a remaining \$2,000 mortgage. In addition I receive about \$4,000 yearly through a deferred profit sharing plan and also receive director's fees for a total yearly income of about \$41,000. I have about \$40,000 savings in cash and certificates of deposit in Westside Federal Savings and Loan, Fairview Park, Ohio. In addition I have about \$28,000 in stocks and bonds. I have a joint checking account with [REDACTED] with the Cleveland Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

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"Regarding my campaign contribution to the Richard Nixon campaign in April, 1972, I recall the contribution was made in the form of a check in the amount of \$2,900.00 drawn on my and my wife's checking account. Around the same time, either before or after, I received a company bonus representing a gross amount of \$5,000, of which I received \$2,900 net amount in the form of an AMSHIP payroll check. The difference between the two amounts represents the deductions from the gross amount.

"At the time I actually made the contribution I happened to be at the Lorain, Ohio, offices of AMSHIP. ROBERT BARTLOME, Secretary of AMSHIP had

a list of several committees or groups representing the Nixon campaign and I wrote the \$2,900 check out to one of the committees listed. I handed the check to BARTLOME who I understand was going to have someone, possibly [redacted] another company official, hand deliver the check to Washington, D.C.

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"The contribution was solely my idea and represented my own personal funds and not AMSHIP money and no company official or employee solicited the contribution. I did not expect or receive any consideration or anything of value, either immediate or deferred, for the contribution given. The contribution was motivated by my desire to support the Nixon Campaign and my financially being able to do so. The fact that the bonus and the contribution were identical in amount is mainly a matter of timing and one was not directly influenced by the other.

"In addition I also had made previous campaign contributions one of which was a \$1,000 check to a Democratic dinner and another was in the amount of \$1,900, possibly to a Republican Senate Dinner. I later made a \$100 check contribution to the Nixon campaign. At the time I made the \$2,900 check contribution I was aware of the impending deadline of the contribution laws which would make public the amounts of contributions and donors.

"In summary there was no company plan or inducement to make specific campaign contributions and the above account regarding my contribution is my own and not prompted or suggested by any AMSHIP official or any other person.



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"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and two (2) other pages and state that it is the truth as I know it.

"/s/ GORDON STAFFORD

"Witness: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI,  
Cleveland, Ohio, 8-28-73.

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI,  
Cleveland, Ohio, 8-28-73."

Upon reading and signing the above statement, STAFFORD requested a photostatic copy of same and was furnished a copy.

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In addition to the above, STAFFORD was specifically questioned concerning the disbursement of company bonuses particularly when those bonuses might amount to a gross of \$5,000 among six or more officers. STAFFORD, who stated he is a member of the Board of Directors of American Ship Building Company, advised that the disbursement of funds for bonuses is usually the subject of Board discussions and normally minutes or written records would be retained for same. STAFFORD was questioned as to whether he could recall any Board meetings which may have been convened prior to April, 1972, and also if there was such a meeting, whether or not they might have had a discussion concerning company bonuses. STAFFORD stated he could not recall whether or not such a board meeting might have occurred and/or whether such a discussion might have taken place or been recorded.

At the conclusion of relating his recollections of the circumstances regarding the \$2,900 campaign

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contribution to the Nixon campaign, STAFFORD was asked whether he felt that he could relate the same account before any judicial proceedings or grand jury with the full confidence that same would be the truth whereupon he replied that he felt that he could as his responses were based upon the truth to the best of his recollection.

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The following descriptive data was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	<del>GORDON</del> STAFFORD
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of birth:	January 4, 1918
Place of birth:	Cleveland, Ohio
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Grayish green, wears glasses
Social Security	
Account Number:	271-01-7624
Address:	20328 Parklane Drive Rocky River, Ohio
Home telephone:	331-3611
Education:	High school graduate
Relatives:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
Employment:	American Ship Building Company 1937 to date

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, was con-  
tacted at his place of employment and advised of the  
identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as  
Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(FBI).

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[redacted] was exhibited and served with a subpoena  
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which subpoena is issued by the Honorable JOHN J. SIRICA,  
United States District Court for the District of Columbia  
and dated August 10, 1973.

Specifically the subpoena [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] that the office  
of the special prosecutor will consider that the subpoena  
has been appropriately answered [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Upon a review of the subpoena, [redacted] noted  
that it is possible that [redacted]  
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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 8-27-73  
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[redacted] stated he would [redacted]  
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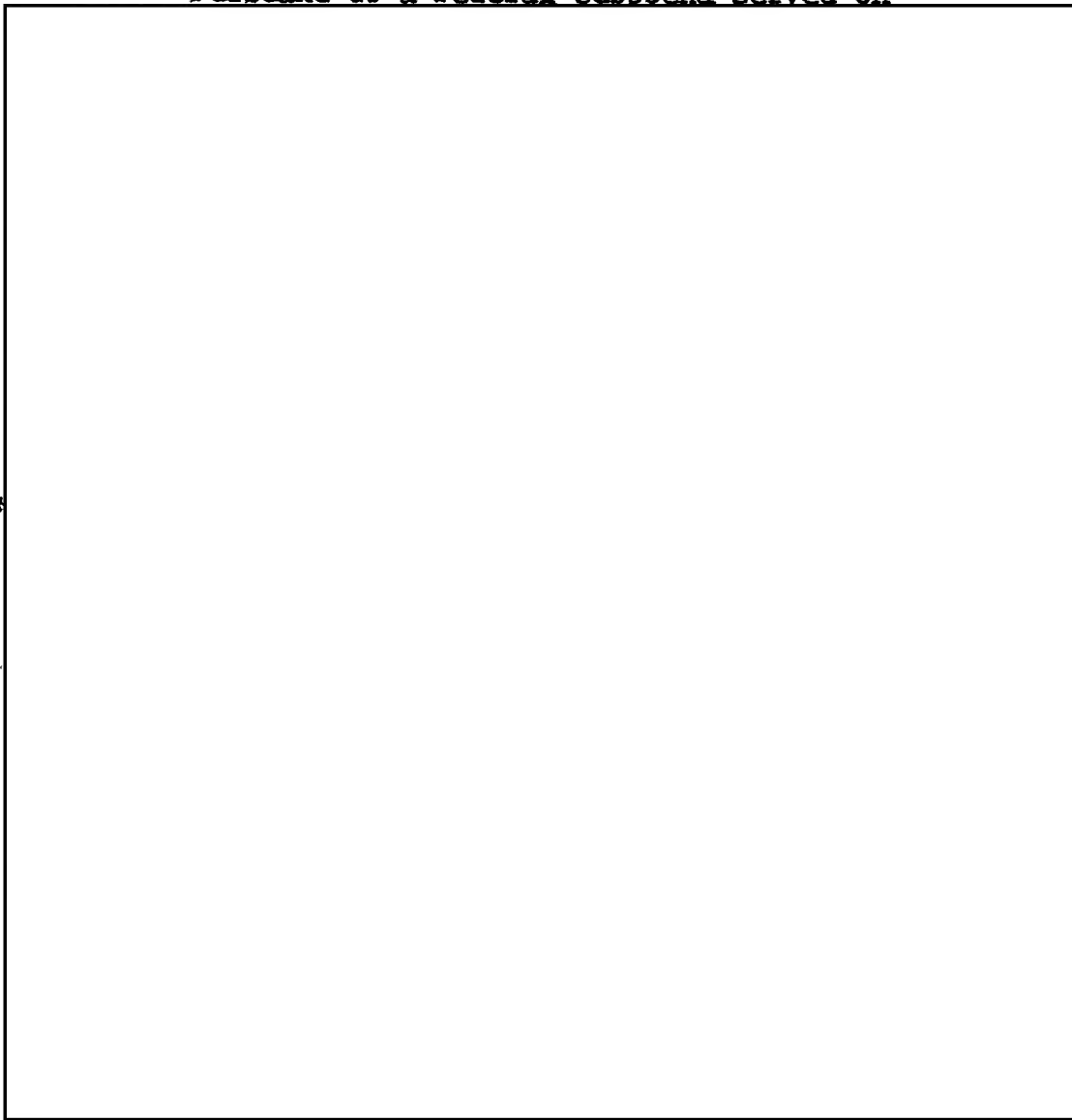
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Mr. ROBERT LYONS DIBBLE was interviewed at his employment, American Ship Building Company, Lorain, Ohio, this date, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"I, ROBERT LYONS DIBBLE, make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been furnished an interrogation; advice of rights form by special agent [redacted] I have read and understand the meaning of this form and have executed the waiver section of the form.

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"I am 58 years of age and reside in Westlake, Ohio. Immediately prior to my taking employment with the American Ship Building Company in October of 1967 I was employed for 21 years as an agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. I am presently the Vice-President of Personal at American Ship Building Company and held prior positions in both public relations and employee relations. My beginning salary with American Ship Building Company in October of 1967 was \$12,000.00 and my current salary is \$17,300.00. I recently recieved a raise in August, 1973, which raised my salary from \$16,300.00 to \$17,300.00.

"During the years 1967 thru 1969 I do not recall receiving any bonuses from my current employer. During the years of 1970, 1971 and 1972 I recall receiving \$5,000.00 bonus per year.

"I wish to state that I don't recall exactly when the various bonuses were paid as there is no set date when bonuses are given out nor do I recall the specific reason for my bonuses but believe they would have been paid

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for some type of outstanding service rendered. I also wish to state that I have no personnel knowledge as to how employees are selected for the receipt of these bonuses.

"In regards to any stock options that have been made available to me at American Ship Building Company, I can not recall what options have been offered but I do believe I have a current option to purchase 224 shares but do not recall the price of these shares at option. I further wish to state that I have never engaged in buying or selling stocks.

"Other than the salary and bonuses I receive from my present employer I also receive annually renewals from insurance policies I previously wrote. These renewals are paid for a period of 9 years. In the year of 1972 I received approximately \$1,100.00 from renewals. I also wish to state that I have no other investments, own no real estate and my wife is not employed.

"In regards to my personal business I maintain a checking account with an average balance of \$600.00 to \$700.00 at the Society National Bank, Main Office, Cleveland, Ohio. I also have a savings account with a balance of about \$8,000.00 at the Society National Bank, Kamms Branch, Cleveland, Ohio. I do not rent any safety deposit box in any bank.

"During the years of 1967 thru 1969 I can not recall making any monetary political contributions, nor can I recall making any such contributions prior to 1967.

"In 1970 I recall making the following political contributions. I gave \$500.00 to the personnel campaign of Congressman CHARLES MOSHER. I made this contribution with a personnel check and probably mailed this check to MOSHER's campaign committee. I do not recall being solicited for this contribution



and wanted to make this contribution personally because I had known of CHARLES MOSHER for a number of years and considered him to be a good man. I knew the competition he had was keen and I wanted to give him what assistance I could.

"I also contributed two checks of \$500.00 each to the Ohio State Republican Finance Committee. I believe I was solicited in some manner through the mail by this committee and the checks would have been sent at different times.

"I contributed about \$1,400.00 to the National Democratic Party Dinner Committee in Washington, D.C. I believe the actual price of the dinner was \$500.00 per plate even though I gave \$1,400.00. In connection with this dinner I was not solicited in any way but wanted to contribute. I attended this dinner and I believe it was the year that GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Ship Building Company, was chairman of the dinner. I believe that I either mailed a check to the dinner committee or possibly gave the check personally to the dinner committee at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

"During 1971 I made no political contributions.

"I made the following political contributions during the year 1972. I purchased two tickets to the National Democratic Congressional Dinner, date unrecalled, and believe the tickets were \$500.00 each. I may have been solicited thru the mail for this dinner and believe I probably mailed the check for the tickets to the committee even though I personally attended the dinner.

"I contributed to the Republican dinner which I believe was called the Senate House Majority Dinner. Tickets to this dinner were \$1,000.00 each and I purchased two tickets.

In connection with this dinner I believe I was solicited through the mail and would have returned my check by mail. I did not attend this dinner.

"I also contributed to an organization formed to assist in the re-election of President NIXON. I believe this organization was called the 'Loyal Americans for Government Reform.' I contributed \$3,000.00 to this organization and believe the contribution was made by a personal check in early April 1972.

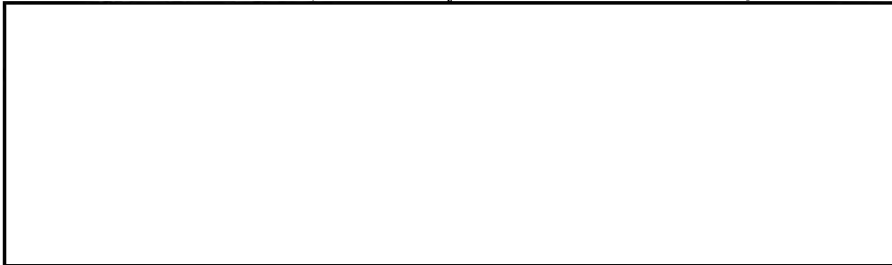
"In connection with the above contribution to the NIXON re-election campaign, I was very concerned and wanted to help NIXON defeat MC GOVERN as I felt MC GOVERN would not be a good President. From time to time various employees would talk about the Presidential campaign in general conversation around the office and I think I asked BOB BARTLOME where would be the best place to send money to help re-elect NIXON. I am not positive but I think BOB BARTLOME may have given me the name of Loyal Americans for Government Reform to which committee I made out a check for \$3,000.00. I don't recall if I mailed the check to the committee or if I gave it to someone to deliver for me and if I gave it to anyone it would have been BOB BARTLOME.

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*SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE*  
"In January of 1973 I met [redacted] (Phonetic) who works in DAN INOUE's office in Washington, D.C., in the Cleveland, Ohio area. I had previously met [redacted] at one of the Democratic dinners I attended in Washington, D.C. [redacted] mentioned that they were going to have a dinner for DAN INOUE and I told him that because of my interest in DAN and the ability which he possesses I wanted to make a contribution of \$250.00 to the success of this dinner. I gave the check to [redacted].

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"I wish to state that even though the information furnished above reflects that prior to 1970 I had not made any political contributions and subsequent to 1969 I have made considerable political contributions in the year 1970 and 1972, the nature of my employment or the receipt of bonuses from my employer had no direct bearing on my decision to make contributions. I further state that I have not been requested or compelled to make any political contribution by anyone nor have any promises of reimbursement in any form been promised to me by anyone.

"In connection with the \$3,000.00 contribution made to the Loyal Americans for Government Reform I believe I would have made some monetary contribution regardless of whether or not I received a bonus, but the amount of the bonus had an influence on the amount of money I was able to contribute. In connection with the other contributions mentioned above I do not believe they were influenced in any way by any bonus I received.

"To the best of my recollection I do not believe that I ever withdrew any money from my savings account to deposit in my checking account to cover checks written for political contributions. I also state that any political contributions I have made have been written on my personal checking account.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and eight (8) other pages. I have

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initialed each page and each correction. This statement is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

"/s/ ROBERT LYONS DIBBLE  
8-29-73

"Witnesses:

[REDACTED] SA, FBI, Elyria, Ohio, 8-29-73  
SA, FBI, Elyria, Ohio, 8-29-73."

The following descriptive data was obtained from  
ROBERT LYONS DIBBLE during interview:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	January 8, 1915
Place of Birth	Toledo, Ohio
Height	5'10"
Weight	200 lbs.
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	
Son	
Daughter	
Social Security No.	294-07-4649
Residence	27843 Detroit Road Apartment 212 Westlake, Ohio
Home Telephone	871-4670
Employer	American Ship Building Company
Occupation	Vice President in Charge of Personnel

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription

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Mr. [redacted] was interviewed at his employment American Ship Building Company, Lorain, Ohio, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Lorain, Ohio  
8/28/73

"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Agent [redacted] has orally advised me that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I do make could be used against me in a court of law. I have further been advised that I have the right to consult with an attorney prior to being interviewed and also have the right to be represented by an attorney during this interview if I so chose. I also have been advised that I do not have to answer all questions if I do not desire to and that I have a right to terminate the interview at anytime I desire to do so. I wish to state that no threats or promises were made to be by the above identified agents to induce my cooperation.

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"Following my graduation from [redacted] I spent most of my subsequent years from 1965 thru 1970 in the teaching profession in both the Cleveland, Ohio and North Olmsted, Ohio school districts.

"On June 8, 1970, I began employment with American Ship Building Company in the capacity of [redacted]

"My beginning salary with American Ship Building Company was \$12,000.00 per year. In approximately December of 1971 my salary was raised to \$15,000.00, where it remained until August of 1973 when it was again increased to \$16,000.00.

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by SAS [redacted] & [redacted] b6  
[redacted] APB:mab b7C Date dictated 8/29/73

"During the years 1970 and 1971 I recieved no other compensation from my employer. In 1972, sometime in April of this year, I recieved a \$5,000.00 bonus. To date in 1973 I have recieved no bonus.

"The net amount of the bonus I recieved in 1972 after taxes and other deductions were taken out amounted to \$3,650.00.

"During approximately February 1972 I engaged in conversation with several fellow employees at American Ship Building Company concerning the presidential election. Two of the individuals I recall speaking with in this regard were Mr. ROBERT BARTLOME and Mr. DANIEL KISSEL. We discussed the various merits of the NIXON Administration in connection with the maritime industry which was greatly bolstered by the passage of the Maritime Act of 1970. This added great security to many jobs due to the construction of new ships. In addition to this facet of the NIXON administration I was also interested in the manner in which President NIXON handled other various problems which confronted the nation.

"In connection with these conversations mentioned above concerning the re-election of President NIXON I asked Mr. BARTLOME how an individual could make a contribution toward the re-election of President NIXON. Mr. BARTLOME stated that he would find out.

"Mr. BARTLOME subsequently advised me that he had obtained the name of a committee I could direct my contribution to from Mr. GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Ship Building Company. Mr. BARTLOME later gave me the name of a committee I believe was called "Supporters of Good Government".

"On April 6, 1972 I wrote a personel check on my account at Cleveland Trust Bank, Cleveland, Ohio to the Supporters of Good Government in the amount of \$3500.00.

"Prior to writing the above check I had learned from Mr. BARTLOME, possibly as far back as February 1972, that I was going to recieve a \$5000.00 bonus from the American Ship Building Company. As I recall the date I recieved the bonus and the date of my contribution to the above committee were very close.

"I wish to state that I made the contribution to the above committee of my own free will and was not compelled to do so in any way by my employment. I further wish to state that I felt so strongly about the necessity of re-electing President NIXON that I would have made some type of monetary contribution even though I had not recieved a bonus, however the bonus made it possible for me to make the contribution. I made above. After I had made out the check to the Supporters of Good Government, I gave the check to Mr. BARTLOME who told me he would send the check along with his contribution and that of DANIEL KISSEL. I have no idea how the check was delivered to the committee for Supporters of Good Government.

"No provisions or promises were made to me by my employer or anyone else indicating I would be reimbursed in any way for any political contributions I made. I further state that I have not made any previous political contributions and made no other political contributions thru the year 1972.

"Concerning my personel banking accounts I have my savings and checking account at the Cleveland Trust Bank, my home mortgage at the Second Federal Savings and Loan and I have a automobile loan at the National City Bank of Cleveland, Ohio. I do not

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have a safty deposit box at any bank. I have read this statement. I have initialed each page and each correction. This statement consists of (5) five pages and one other page to which I will sign my signature. This statement is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

"/s/

8/28/73

:Witnesses:

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/s/

SA, FBI, Elyria, Ohio 8/28/73.

FBI, Elyria, Ohio 8/28/73.

In addition to the information furnished above, Mr. [ ] advised that in July, 1973, he made a \$200 contribution for Dinner with Dan which he stated was a dinner in honor of DAN INOUE which contribution he paid for with a personal check.

The following descriptive data was obtained during the interview:

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Name

Sex

Race

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Height

Weight

Hair

Eyes

Wife

Children

Residence

Social Security

Male

White

North Olmsted, Ohio

5' 11"

230

Blond

Brown

North Olmsted, Ohio

Phone:



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Education

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Employment  
Occupation

American Ship Building Company

[Redacted]

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DANIEL AUGUST KISSEL, 37849 Lake Drive, Avon, Ohio, was contacted at the offices of the American Ship Building Company, Investment Plaza, East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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KISSEL was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and was informed of the nature of the investigation by SA [redacted].

After having been orally advised of his rights and executing a Waiver of his rights as set forth on an "Interrogation: Advice of Rights Form" KISSEL was informed that in connection with the investigation a subpoena had been served [redacted]

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Thereafter, KISSEL furnished the following signed statement:

"Cleveland, Ohio  
August 29, 1973

"I, DANIEL AUGUST KISSEL, age 60, 37849 Lake Drive, Avon, Ohio hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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"I have been furnished a form entitled, "Interrogation: Advice of Rights" with a waiver of rights thereon. I have signed this waiver in the presence of [redacted] for American Ship Building Company.

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by SAS [redacted] & [redacted] Date dictated 8/29/73  
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"I have also been advised this investigation concerns campaign contributions as they might relate to a possible violation of Federal election laws, particularly the contributing of corporate funds or monies through company employees or officers.

"I have been employed by the Kinsman Marine Transit Co., a subsidiary of the American Shipbuilding Company since 1963. Since about 1967 I have been Treasurer of Kinsman Marine Transit and earn \$14,500 yearly. I own a \$30,000 home which has about a \$1,400 mortgage remaining. I and my wife [redacted] have a joint checking account at the Lorain, Ohio, branch of Cleveland Trust Company, which has an average monthly balance of \$300.00. In addition, my wife and I each have savings accounts at the downtown branch of the Union Savings and Loan Association with total balance of about \$5,000. My wife [redacted] also has about a \$1,000 savings account at Broadview Savings, also at downtown Cleveland, Ohio. [redacted] also has a \$2,000 to \$2,500 savings account at the Avon, Ohio branch of the Central Security National Bank of Lorain, Ohio.

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"Regarding the \$3,500 contribution to the NIXON campaign which I recall making early in April, 1972, I can state that this contribution came about after discussion with my wife and other employees of the American Ship Building Company on Kinsman Marine Transit. My wife and I felt that we wished to make a substantial contribution to the RICHARD NIXON campaign as, in our opinion, his policies better represented our interests than did the Democratic candidate GEORGE MC GOVERN.

"At the time I made the contribution I had been working out at the Lorain, Ohio, American Shipbuilding Co., and ROBERT BARTLOME had a list of several committees which I understand were backing the NIXON campaign. I wrote a \$3,500 check to one of the committees, the specific name I do not recall, and gave my check to ROBERT BARTLOME, who I under-

stand gave the check to [redacted] an American Ship Building company official, who took the check to Washington, D.C. b6 b7C

"I was aware at the time that there was a deadline coming up which, in effect, would make campaign donors and contributions public information I intended to cover the \$3,500 charge to my checking account by the transfer of personal savings accounts funds. However, it so happened at that time that I received a \$5,000 company bonus in the form of an American Ship Building Company payroll check in the amount of \$3,750, which represented the \$5,000 bonus less the usual deductions.

"I had been expecting the bonus but I was not sure when I would receive the check or what the amount was going to be. Regardless of the receipt of the bonus I still would have made a contribution to the NIXON campaign. Prior to receiving the \$5,000 bonus the highest or largest company bonus I had received was \$1,200. Since the April 1972 bonus I received a \$1,500 company bonus in February or March of this year, 1973. I am not familiar with the corporate procedure for the allocating of company bonuses and I can only account for the sizeable bonus which I received in 1972 by citing the financial success of the company in 1971. Also my campaign contribution, including the amount was my own idea and in no way was my making the \$3,500 contribution motivated by my anticipated bonus or any instruction, order, or specific encouragement by my employer GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER or any other company officer or employee. Also no representative or suggestion was made to me about any reimbursement, direct or indirect, immediate or deferred, or any repayment or any consideration or anything of value for my making the contribution.

"Other than the above-mentioned contribution I have never made any campaign contributions to either party at this time.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and two other pages and certify that the statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ DANIEL A. KISSEL

"Witness:

"/s/ [ ] Special Agent, FBI, Cleveland, Ohio 8/29/73.  
"/s/ [ ] Special Agent, FBI, Cleveland, Ohio 8/29/73."

KISSEL requested a copy of the above statement and was furnished with same.

Following is descriptive data obtained during interview:

Name	DANIEL AUGUST KISSEL
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	July 21, 1913
Place of Birth	Cleveland, Ohio
Height	5' 10"
Weight	192
Hair	Brown and gray
Eyes	Blue, glasses
Social Security	#271-03-0971
Education	1 1/2 years college
Military	US Army 1943-46 and 1950-52 Honorable Discharge
Home address	37849 Lake Drive. Avon, Ohio Phone: 934-4407
Wife	
Son	
Son	

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Mr. [redacted] was interviewed at his employment. The American Ship Building Company, Lorain, Ohio, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"I, [redacted] make this free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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"Agent [redacted] furnished me with an interrogation; advice of rights form which I read, understood the meaning of, and executed the waiver section of this form.

"I have been employed by American Ship Building Company since March of 1968. I am presently the [redacted] and previously held position of [redacted].

"My salary in March of 1968 when I began employment with this company was \$8,600.00 and my present salary as of August 1973 is \$16,300.00.

"In connection with bonuses recieved from American Ship Building Company, I recieved none in 1968 and may have recieved one in both 1969 and 1970, but I am not sure of this. In the years 1971 and 1972 I recall receiving a bonus of about \$5,000.00 each year. This bonus would be paid by regular payroll check and would be less deductions for taxes, etc. I can not recall the exact net amount of these bonuses.

"In connection with stock options at American Ship Building Company I have two options to purchase 500 shares of stock each, one option being in the range of \$21.00 per share and the other option at about \$22.00 per share. These options will expire in 1975 or 1976 and to date I have not purchased any of the stock.

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by SAS [redacted] & [redacted]  
[redacted] APB:mab Date dictated 8/29/73

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"During the early part of 1972 the exact period of time unrecalled, I discussed the presidential campaign with many of my fellow employees. I felt that I wanted to contribute in some way to the re-election of President Nixon as I felt the shipping industry was profiting more since the passage of the Maritime Act of 1970. I also feel that I hoped indirectly to bring to the attention of Mr. GEORGE STEINBRENNER, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Ship Building Company, that I was personally interested in the future of the ship building industry by backing the NIXON Administration which administration helped the industry.

"In particular I recall speaking more with Mr. ROBERT BARTLOME about making a contribution to assist in the re-election of President NIXON, in that I inquired of Mr. BARTLOME how I would go about making a contribution. Mr. BARTLOME said he would get a list of organizations connected with NIXON's re-election campaign and that I could choose one of these organizations to contribute too. I chose one of the organizations from a list provided me by Mr. BARTLOME, however I can not recall the name of the organization or committee, but do recall it had the word 'Society' in it.

"I also learned sometime around February 1972 from Mr. BARTLOME that I would be receiving a bonus but I did not know the amount of the bonus or when I would receive it.

"In April of 1972 I wrote a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 on my [redacted] payable to the committee mentioned above. I gave this check to Mr. BARTLOME with the implied understanding that he would see the check arrived at its proper destination.

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"Also in either late 1971 or early 1972 I purchased two tickets to a political dinner to be held in Washington, D.C. I can not recall the exact price of these tickets but they were either \$500.00 or \$1,00.00 each. I did not attend this dinner. The contributions for this dinner were solicited by the dinner committee through the mail. I paid for these tickets by personal check from the Cleveland Trust Bank and probably mailed the check in an envelope provided by the committee.

"Regarding any other political contributions made in previous years dating back to 1968, I believe I possibly made contributions in 1970 and 1971, but do not recall the amounts or to whom the contributions were made. I do not recall making any contributions during 1968 or 1969.

"In connection with any political contributions I have described above, I wish to state that no pressure was brought to bear on me in any way to induce me to make these contributions. I also wish to state that the contributions were made from my own earnings and I was not directly or indirectly reimbursed by anyone for the contributions I made of my own free will.

"As far as my banking connections are concerned, my personal banking both savings and checking are handled through the Cleveland Trust Bank in Lorain, Ohio. I do not have a safety deposit box, and the only other bank I do business with is Cleveland Federal Savings & Loan where I have my home mortgage. I also wish to state I have no outside source of income.

"In connection with my contribution to the NIXON re-election campaign, I feel the annual bonus I received from my employment had a bearing on the amount of my contribution, in that this bonus afforded



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me a larger amount of money to contribute than if I had contributed out of my regular earnings. I wish to state however that I felt strong enough about the re-election of President NIXON that I would have contributed some amount of money even if I would not have recieved a bonus.

"I have read this statement consisting of six pages. I have initialed each page and each correction. This statement is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

"/s/ [redacted]  
8/28/73

"Witnesses:

/s/ [redacted], SA, FBI, Elyria, Ohio 8/28/73.  
/s/ [redacted] SA, FBI, Elyria, Ohio, 8/28/73."

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In addition to the above statement, the following descriptive data was obtained during the interview:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Height	6'
Weight	230
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Wife	[redacted]
Children: Sons	[redacted]

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Employment  
Occupation  
Residence

American Ship Building Company

[REDACTED]

Avon Lake, Ohio

Phone: [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8-27-73

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, was contacted at his place of employment and advised of the identities of [redacted] as Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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[redacted] was furnished the original and one copy each of subpoenas dated the tenth of August, 1973 issued from the United States District Court, for the District of Columbia for the Honorable JOHN J. SIRICA commanding [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] was specifically advised by SA [redacted] that although each subpoena calls for [redacted] [redacted] requested to the United States District Court, Washington, D.C. on or before September 12, 1973, that the office of the special prosecutor will consider that the subpoena has been appropriately answered if [redacted]  
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[redacted] was requested by SA [redacted] to immediately advise the contacting agents if [redacted] was unable to comply with any aspects of the subpoenas.

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] MVH:kls Date dictated 8-24-73

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Subsequent to the above personal contact on the same date [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] at the Cleveland FBI office and stated that after reviewing the respective subpoenas with [redacted]

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[redacted] raised the following points concerning the subpoenas:

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[redacted] also made reference to the probability that [redacted]

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[redacted] attempted to set up a three-way telephone conference with [redacted] SA [redacted] and himself but was unsuccessful. [redacted] was informed that he may have [redacted] contact SA [redacted] directly.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8-27-731

[redacted]  
[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, telephonically contacted the Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on the afternoon of August 20, 1973 and spoke with Special Agent (SA) [redacted] making reference to a telephone conversation between [redacted] and SA [redacted]

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[redacted] reiterated the several points previously mentioned by [redacted] regarding [redacted] observations on the subpoenas served on [redacted] on that date by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

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On repeating his observations [redacted] was questioned by SA [redacted] as to whether the several observations would inhibit [redacted] whereupon he replied that the points he listed would not prevent [redacted]

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[redacted] also mentioned [redacted]

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[redacted] was also informed by SA [redacted] that the office of the special prosecutor, Washington, D.C. would consider the subpoenas as having been answered if [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] : kls Date dictated 8-24-73

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Date of transcription 8-27-73

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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Cleveland, Ohio, was contacted at his place of employment.

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[redacted] was aware of the identities of [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents (SAs) of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) from previous contacts.  
He was informed by SA [redacted] that he was being contacted to  
ascertain the most current position of [redacted]  
[redacted] with regard to the responding and complying with  
subpoenas served on [redacted] by SA [redacted]  
on August 20, 1973.

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In response, [redacted] advised that upon receipt  
of a letter from the United States Department of Justice  
directed to [redacted] and upon the arrival  
of September 12, 1973, [redacted] will make the requested [redacted]

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[redacted] also noted that the subpoena commands  
[redacted] "on or before  
Wednesday, the 12th of September, 1973" and noted that even  
though "or before" is so listed [redacted] is withholding  
[redacted] until September 12, 1973

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[redacted] MVH:kls Date dictated 8-27-73b6  
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at the recommendation of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] noted that as of that date, August 24, 1973 [REDACTED] had not received the anticipated letter from the United States Department of Justice.

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August 31, 1973

BY COURIER SERVICE

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EX-103

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY  
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER  
ELECTION LAWS

*Jan*  
Reference is made to the memorandum of Henry S. Ruth, Jr., dated August 10, 1973, requesting investigation regarding captioned matter and the prior memoranda of the FBI dated August 28 and August 29, 1973, concerning this case.

The Cleveland, Ohio, Office of the FBI advised on August 30, 1973, as follows:

*By Courier*  
Robert Lyons Dibble, Vice President in Charge of Personnel, American Ship Building Company, Lorain, Ohio, furnished a signed statement advising he has been employed by captioned firm since 1967 and currently earns \$17,300 annually. During the period 1970 through 1972, he received a \$5,000 bonus each year and made political contributions in 1970 of \$500 to Congressman Charles Mosher; \$1,000 to Ohio State Republican Finance Committee; and \$1,400 to National Democratic Party Dinner Committee which dinner he attended in Washington believed to be chaired by George M. Steinbrenner. In 1971 he made no political contributions.

In 1972 Dibble purchased two \$5 tickets to the National Democratic Congressional Dinner which he attended in Washington, D. C.; two \$1,000 tickets for a Republican Dinner which he did not attend; and \$3,000 to a Nixon reelection committee called "Loyal Americans for Government Reform." He believed most solicitation was through the mail and recalls no personal solicitation. Checks would have been mailed to various committees or delivered personally when in Washington. He said that he was not coerced in any way by anyone to make political contributions and stated his bonus may have influenced the size of his contribution to the Nixon reelection committee in that he had more money available to contribute but he feels he would have contributed regardless of the bonus; however, it would have been a lesser amount.

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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY

Daniel Kissel, Treasurer, Kinsman Marine Transit Division, American Ship Building Company, Cleveland, furnished a signed statement in which he advised that he currently earns \$14,500 annually and in April, 1972, he made a \$3,500 contribution to an unrecalled Nixon campaign committee. He received a \$5,000 company bonus which in no way influenced his contribution as he would have contributed anyway. He stated the largest previous company bonus prior to aforementioned \$5,000 bonus was for \$1,200 and during the current year, 1973, he received a \$1,500 bonus.

The Cleveland Office noted that in view of the apparent disproportionate size of the company bonus and campaign contribution of Kissel, consideration should be given to issuing a subpoena for Kissel in the event grand jury testimony is taken concerning this matter.

A detailed interview report form will be furnished to you for the two aforementioned interviews in the immediate future. The requested investigation in the memorandum of August 10, 1973, has not as yet been completed and you will be kept advised of pertinent developments as they occur.

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① AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER,  
ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT)  
OO: WFO.

RE CLEVELAND NITEL TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD  
8/28/73.

ROBERT LYONS ~~X~~ DIBBLE, VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF  
PERSONNEL, AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING CO., LORAIN, OHIO, FURNISHED  
SIGNED STATEMENT THIS DATE ADVISING IN ESSENCE THAT HE HAS  
BEEN EMPLOYED BY THIS COMPANY SINCE OCTOBER, 1967 TO PRESENT.  
BEGINNING SALARY OF \$12,000 HAS INCREASED TO PRESENT SALARY  
OF \$17,300. RECEIVED NO BONUSES 1967 THROUGH 1969. FROM 1970  
THROUGH 1972, RECEIVED \$5,000 BONUS EACH YEAR. MADE NO  
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS PRIOR TO 1970. IN 1970, MADE FOLLOWING  
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$500.00 TO PERSONAL CAMPAIGN,  
CONGRESSMAN CHARLES MOSHER; \$1,000 TO OHIO STATE REPUBLICAN  
FINANCE COMMITTEE; \$1400 TO NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY DINNER  
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COMMITTEE AND ATTENDED DINNER IN WASHINGTON, WHICH HE BELIEVES WAS CHAIRED BY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER. IN 1971, HE MADE NO POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

MADE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1972: TWO TICKETS AT \$5.00 EACH TO NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL DINNER, WASHINGTON, D. <sup>C</sup> WHICH HE PERSONALLY ATTENDED; TWO TICKETS AT \$1,000 EACH FOR REPUBLICAN DINNER BELIEVED CALLED "THE SENATE HOUSE-MAJORITY DINNER"; DID NOT ATTEND; \$3,000 TO NIXON RE-ELECTION COMMITTEE CALLED "LOYAL AMERICANS FOR GOVERNMENT REFORM". BELIEVES MOST SOLICITATION WAS THROUGH THE MAIL AND RECALLS NO PERSONAL SOLICITATION. CHECKS WOULD HAVE BEEN MAILED TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES OR DELIVERED PERSONALLY WHEN IN WASHINGTON.

DIBBLE ADVISED WAS NOT COERCED IN ANY WAY <sup>y</sup> BY ANYONE TO MAKE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADVISED BONUS MAY HAVE INFLUENCED SIZE OF CONTRIBUTION TO NIXON RE-ELECTION COMMITTEE IN THAT HE HAD MORE MONEY AVAILABLE TO CONTRIBUTE BUT FEELS HE WOULD HAVE CONTRIBUTED REGARDLESS OF THE BONUS; HOWEVER, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A LESSER AMOUNT.

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DANIEL ~~KISSEL~~, TREASURER, KINSMAN MARINE TRANSIT DIVISION  
OF AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO, IN SIGNED  
STATEMENT FURNISHED SIMILAR ACCOUNT OF APRIL, 1972 CAMPAIGN  
CONTRIBUTION AS OTHER SEVEN COMPANY OFFICIALS. KISSEL STATED HE  
EARNS \$14,500 ANNUALLY AND CLAIMED HE <sup>G</sup>HAVE \$3500 CONTRIBUTION  
TO UNRECALLED NIXON CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND RECEIPT OF \$5,000  
COMPANY BONUS IN NO WAY INFLUENCED HIS CONTRIBUTION AS HE WOULD  
HAVE CONTRIBUTED ANYWAY.

KISSEL STATED LARGEST PREVIOUS COMPANY BONUS WAS FOR  
\$1200 AND HE RECEIVED A \$1500 BONUS THIS YEAR, 1973.

IN VIEW OF APPARENT DISPROPORTIONATE SIZE OF COMPANY BONUS  
AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION FOR KISSEL, USDJ MAY WISH TO CONSIDER  
ISSUING SUBPOENA FOR KISSEL IN EVENT GRAND JURY TESTIMONY  
COMMENCES IN THIS MATTER.

CLEVELAND SUBMITTING PENDING REPORT.

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August 29, 1973

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**AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY  
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER  
ELECTION LAWS**

This is to record telephonic advice on this date to Mr.  of the Special Prosecutor's Office by Special Agent  of this Bureau concerning the following information.

The Cleveland, Ohio, Office of the FBI advised August 28, 1973, as follows:

and Gordon Stafford, Vice President of Sales, both of American Ship Building Company, in signed statements on August 28, 1973, advised that their April, 1972, contributions to the Nixon Campaign were based on their own personal desires and not solicited in any way by George M. Steinbrenner or any other company officials. Each stated that they received net amounts of company bonuses which are identical to the amounts contributed and stated same is due merely to coincidence and that even if they had not received bonuses, they still would have made the contributions.

Each personally stated that his recollection of the circumstances concerning the contributions is based on the truth as he recalls it and each would not hesitate to relate the same account at any judicial proceeding.

claimed that prior to being shown a photo copy of his checking account statement for the month of April, 1972, he could only recall that the contribution was somewhere between \$2,500 and \$3,000 as he is of such financial means that such a contribution would not be a strain on him and thus not necessarily easily remembered.

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Re: American Ship Building Company

[redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] American Ship Building, Lorain, Ohio, in signed statements advised as follows:

[redacted] has been employed by the company since June, 1970, and salary ranged from \$12,000 to \$16,000 at present. He received a \$5,000 bonus in 1972 netting him \$3,650. He stated he discussed the Nixon Re-election Campaign with fellow employees and believed Nixon's Re-election would further bolster the security of the Maritime Industry as did the passage of the Maritime Act of 1970. He advised the receipt of his bonus made it possible for him to make the size contribution he made although he would have made some contribution even if he did not receive a bonus. This is the only political contribution he has ever made.

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[redacted] has been employed by American Ship Building from March, 1968, to the present at a beginning salary of \$8,600 and is presently earning \$16,300 per year. He recalls receiving bonuses in 1971 and 1972 of about \$5,000 each year. He advised he discussed Nixon's Re-election Campaign with other fellow employees and felt he wanted to contribute in some way to the Re-election. He subsequently made a contribution of \$3,000 to one of the Committees for the Re-election of President Nixon as he felt this would both assist in the bolstering of the security of the Maritime Industry and would also indirectly bring to the attention of Mr. George Steinbrenner the fact that he was personally interested in the future of the Ship Building Industry by backing the Nixon administration, which administration has helped the industry.

Both [redacted] each indicated that they were in no way intimidated by their employer to contribute to any political committee and made their contributions of their own free will. Both also stated that they received no reimbursement or any promise of reimbursement for any contribution made.

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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER,  
ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT)

RE CLEVELAND NITEL TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD

8/24/73.

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[REDACTED] AND GORDON STAFFORD, VICE PRESIDENT

OF SALES, BOTH OF AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, IN SIGNED

*on Aug 24, 1973*  
STATEMENTS THIS DATE, ADVISED THAT THEIR APRIL, 1972 CON-  
TIBUTIONS TO THE NIXON CAMPAIGN WERE BASED ON THEIR OWN PERSON-

AL DESIRES AND NOT SOLICITED IN ANY WAY BY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER  
OR ANY OTHER COMPANY OFFICIALS. EACH STATED THAT THEY

RECEIVED NET AMOUNTS OF COMPANY BONUSES WHICH ARE IDENTICAL TO

THE AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED AND STATED SAME IS DUE MERELY TO

COINCIDENCE AND THAT EVEN IF THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED BONUSES,

THEY STILL WOULD HAVE MADE THE CONTRIBUTIONS.

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EACH PERSONALLY STATED THAT HIS RECOLLECTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES <sup>concerning</sup> ~~RE~~ THE CONTRIBUTIONS IS BASED ON THE TRUTH AS HE RECALLS IT AND EACH WOULD NOT HESITATE TO RELATE THE SAME ACCOUNT AT ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING.

[REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT PRIOR TO BEING SHOWN A PHOTO COPY OF HIS CHECKING ACCOUNT STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1972, HE COULD ONLY RECALL THAT THE CONTRIBUTION WAS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN \$2500 AND \$3000 AS HE IS OF SUCH FINANCIAL MEANS THAT SUCH A CONTRIBUTION WOULD NOT BE A STRAIN ON HIM AND THUS NOT NECESSARILY EASILY REMEMBERED.

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING, LORAIN, OHIO, <sup>N</sup> IS SIGNED STATEMENTS ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

<sup>has been</sup> [REDACTED] EMPLOYED BY THE COMPANY SINCE JUNE, 1970 AND SALARY RANGED FROM \$12,000 TO \$16,000 AT PRESENT. RECEIVED \$5,000 BONUS IN 1972 NETTING HIM \$3650. STATED HE DISCUSSED NIXON RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITH FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND BELIEVED NIXON'S  
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RE-ELECTION WOULD FURTHER BOLSTER THE SECURITY OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AS DID THE PASSAGE OF THE MARITIME ACT OF 1970. HE ADVISED RECEIPT OF HIS BONUS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MAKE THE SIZE CONTRIBUTION HE MADE ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE MADE SOME CONTRIBUTION EVEN IF HE DID NOT RECEIVE A BONUS.

HE ADVISED THIS IS THE ONLY POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION HE HAS EVER MADE.

[REDACTED] WAS EMPLOYED BY AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING FROM MARCH, <sup>b6</sup>  
<sup>b7c</sup> 1968 TO PRESENT AT A BEGINNING SALARY OF \$8600 AND IS PRESENTLY EARNING \$16,300 PER YEAR. HE RECALLS RECEIVING BONUSES IN 1971 AND 1972 OF ABOUT \$5,000 EACH YEAR. HE ADVISED HE DISCUSSED NIXON'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITH OTHER FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND FELT HE WANTED TO CONTRIBUTE IN SOME WAY TO THE RE-ELECTION. HE SUBSEQUENTLY MADE A CONTRIBUTION OF \$3,000 TO ONE OF THE COMMITTEES FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON AS HE FELT THIS WOULD BOTH ASSIST IN THE BOLSTERING OF THE SECURITY OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AND WOULD ALSO INDIRECTLY BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF MR. GEORGE STEINBRENNER THE FACT THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF THE SHIP BUILDING INDUSTRY

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BY BACKING THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, WHICH ADMINISTRATION HAS HELPED THE INDUSTRY.

BOTH  EACH INDICATED THAT THEY WERE IN NO WAY INTIMIDATED BY THEIR EMPLOYER TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND MADE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL. BOTH ALSO STATED THAT THEY RECEIVED NO REIMBURSEMENT OR ANY PROMISE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY CONTRIBUTION MADE.

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9/7/73

TO SAC CLEVELAND (56-83)  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (56-4737)

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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY; GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER;  
ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT);  
OO: WFO.

REBUCAL TO CLEVELAND THIS DATE.

THIS IS TO CONFIRM INSTRUCTIONS IN REBUCAL AS FOLLOWS:

THIS CASE WAS DISCUSSED 9/7/73 WITH [REDACTED]  
ASSISTANT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED AS  
FOLLOWS: THE CLEVELAND OFFICE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE SCHEDULED  
INTERVIEW OF STEINBRENNER ON MONDAY 9/10/73. INTERVIEWING  
AGENTS, AFTER ADVISING STEINBRENNER OF HIS RIGHTS, SHOULD  
QUESTION HIM IN DETAIL CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE ELECTION LAWS  
VIOLATION, SECTION 610, TITLE 18, USC. WHILE STEINBRENNER SHOULD  
NOT BE SPECIFICALLY QUESTIONED CONCERNING A POSSIBLE OOI VIOLATION,  
THAT IS, THE FABRICATION OF THE DECEPTIVE COVER STORY TOLD BY  
THE COMPANY OFFICIALS DURING THEIR INTERVIEWS, INFORMATION  
CONCERNING THIS AND ANY OTHER VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE ACCEPTED IF  
VOLUNTEERED AND LOGICAL QUESTIONS ASKED IN THAT REGARD.

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RE: AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY

ADDITIONALLY, YOUR OFFICE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ANY INFORMANTS OR OTHER SOURCES NOW OR PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BY THAT COMPANY WHO COULD BE CONTACTED AT A LATER DATE FOR INSIDE INFORMATION. NO OTHER INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED AT THIS TIME EXCEPT THAT. ANY INFORMATION VOLUNTEERED SHOULD BE ACCEPTED AND IMMEDIATELY REPORTED.

THE RESULTS OF THE MONDAY INTERVIEW WITH STEINBRENNER SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO FBIHQ BY TELETYPE FOLLOWED BY A REPORT.

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NOTE: Above discussion with Mr. [REDACTED] was had today by Section Chief Long and SA [REDACTED] b6 b7C

ReBucal was made by Section Chief Long to SAC F. Fehl, Cleveland.

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TO DIRECTOR (56-4737)

FROM CLEVELAND (56-83)

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY; GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER;  
ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE  
UNIT); OO:WASHINGTON FIELD.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND, 9-7-73.

A HIGHLY PLACED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT THE AMERICAN  
SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ON THE MORNING OF  
9-10-73 ADVISED THAT GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, CHAIRMAN  
AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY IS  
CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. STEINBRENNER, ACCORDING TO  
SOURCE, ALONG WITH HIS ATTORNEYS, IS CONFERRING WITH  
REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIAL ATTORNEY ARCHIBALD COX, APPARENTLY  
REGARDING HIS INTERESTS IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION  
INVESTIGATION INVOLVING HIS FIRM AND OFFICERS OF HIS FIRM.  
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TO DIRECTOR (56-4737)

FROM CLEVELAND (56-83) 2P

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY; GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER;  
ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE  
UNIT); OO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

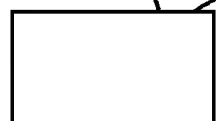
RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 9/10/73.

ON THE MORNING OF 9/11/73, A HIGHLY PLACED CONFIDENTIAL  
SOURCE IN THE AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO,  
ADVISED THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATES THAT GEORGE M.  
STEINBRENNER IS STILL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. CONFERRING WITH  
HIS ATTORNEYS AND POSSIBLY WILL BE CONFERRING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COX COMMITTEE. SOURCE UNAWARE OF WHETHER IN FACT STEINBRENNER OR HIS ATTORNEYS HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE COX COMMITTEE ON 9/10/73 OR IF WHEN CONTACT EFFECTED WHAT MAY BE THE DISCUSSION.

SOURCE STATED STEINBRENNER IS TENTATIVELY EXPECTED TO  
RETURN TO CLEVELAND ON THURSDAY, 9/13/73; BUT IT IS NOT  
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KNOWN WHETHER STEINBRENNER MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW  
AT THAT TIME.

SOURCE NOTED SUBPOENAS CURRENTLY BEING SERVED BY U.S.  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI *56-4737*

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (56-83) (P)

RE: *6* AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY  
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER  
ELECTION LAWS  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION -  
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OO: Washington Field Office

Re Bureau airtels of 8-16-73 and 8-29-73, enclosing  
subpoenas regarding instant matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the originals of 10  
subpoenas issued for \_\_\_\_\_

The Bureau will note 7 of the subpoenas instruct a  
return on or before 9-12-73 while the remaining 3 are for a  
return on or before Tuesday, 9-4-73. b3

All \_\_\_\_\_ have been obtained and the  
enclosures should be returned to the appropriate clerk, USDC,  
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Approved: *no FCF*

Special Agent in Charge

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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT)</b>	

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## REFERENCES

Cleveland report of SA  8/30/73.  
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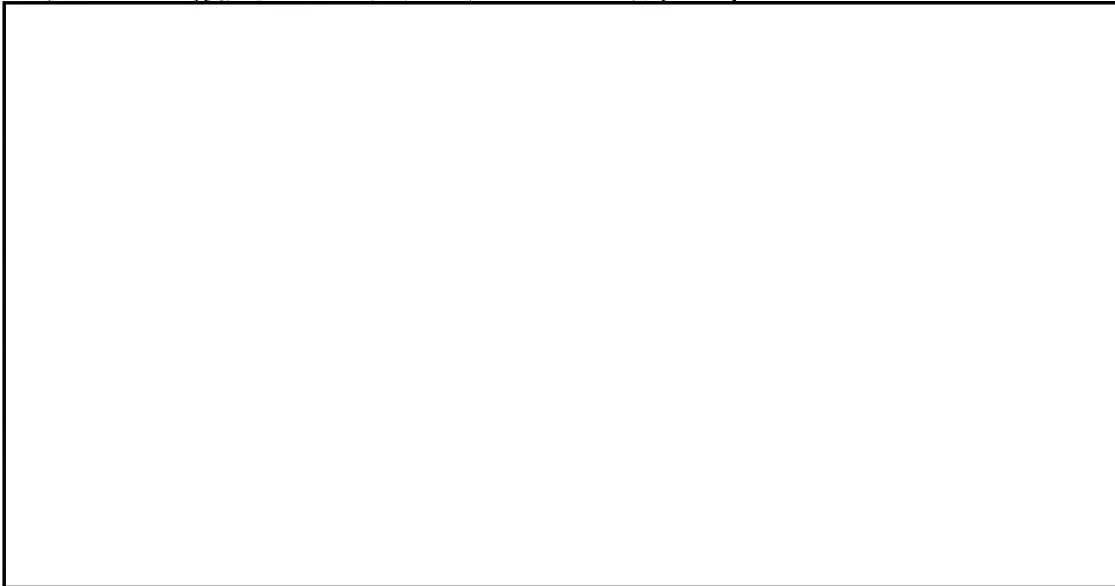
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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will report results of interview of GEORGE M.  
STEINBRENNER in RUC report.

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For information of the Bureau,



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

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Office: CLEVELAND, OHIO

Date:

9/10/73

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Field Office File #: 56-83

Bureau File #: 56-4737

Title:

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY  
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER

Character:

ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

Subpoena served on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on 8/31/73, and on 9/4/73, [REDACTED]b3  
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[REDACTED] GEORGE M.

STEINBRENNER unavailable for interview as of 9/7/73.

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ENCLOSURES:To the Office of the Special Prosecutor,  
U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.:

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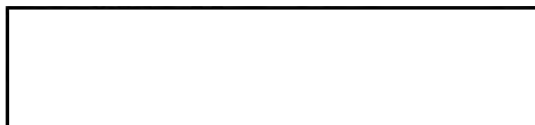
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 9/7/73

On the afternoon of August 31, 1973, [redacted]

[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, was contacted at his place of employment. [redacted] was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was informed that he was being recontacted concerning the same matter previously discussed with him by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] of the FBI.

At that time, [redacted] was served with copies of subpoenas dated the 27th day of August, 1973, from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, which subpoenas commanded [redacted]

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These subpoenas for [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted]  
SA [redacted] WJK:sjf Date dictated 9/7/73

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[redacted] attention was drawn to the fact that the subpoena is returnable on or before Tuesday, the fourth of September, 1973, as opposed to the date listed on the previous subpoena in this matter.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/5/73

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Pursuant to the serving of a subpoena on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cleveland, Ohio, on

August 31, 1973. [REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] /mrw [REDACTED] Date dictated 9/5/73

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 9/6/73

Subsequent to the serving of a subpoena on August  
31, 1973, on [redacted]

Cleveland, Ohio, [redacted] was recontacted on September 4, 1973  
at which time [redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[REDACTED] Cleveland, Ohio, on  
August 31, 1973, [REDACTED]

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Cleveland, Ohio, [REDACTED] was recontacted on September 4, 1973 at which time he provided [REDACTED]

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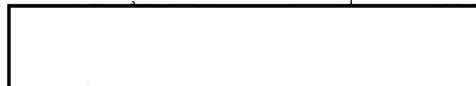
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[REDACTED] Cleveland, Ohio, on  
August 31, 1973, [REDACTED]

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Subsequent to the serving of a subpoena on August 31, 1973 on [REDACTED]

Cleveland, Ohio, [REDACTED] was recontacted on September 4, 1973 at which time he [REDACTED]

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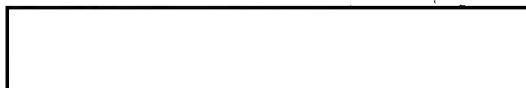
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Pursuant to the serving of a subpoena on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Cleveland, Ohio, on  
August 31, 1973, [REDACTED]b3  
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9/6/73

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Cleveland, Ohio, [REDACTED] was recontacted on September 4, 1973 at which time he [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 9/10/73

[redacted]  
American Ship Building Company, Investment Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio, was contacted by Special Agent [redacted] concerning the availability for interview of GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of that Company.

[redacted] advised that in view of the recent publicity including radio and newspaper publicity concerning Mr. STEINBRENNER's campaign contribution to the Nixon election, STEINBRENNER would not be reporting to his office on that date, September 5, 1973, and on Thursday, September 6, 1973, STEINBRENNER had a tentative business appointment in Indiana.

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[redacted] stated he would recontact SA [redacted] regarding the availability of STEINBRENNER on September 7, 1973.

On Friday, September 7, 1973, [redacted] advised that Mr. STEINBRENNER was not in Cleveland on that date and would either be in New York City or in Washington, D.C., and thus was not available for interview.

[redacted] stated he would be in contact with SA [redacted] on Monday, September 10, 1973, and if possible at that time, advise regarding Mr. STEINBRENNER's availability for interview.

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Interviewed on 9/7/73 at Cleveland, Ohio File # Cleveland 56-83  
by SA [redacted] :lmp b6 b7C Date dictated 9/10/73

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TO DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM CLEVELAND

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① AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING CO.,; GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER; ELECTION LAWS  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT); OO: WFO

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU, 9/11/73.

ON THE MORNING OF 9/13/73, A HIGHLY PLACED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IN  
THE AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO, ADVISED THAT GEORGE  
M. STEINBRENNER IS CURRENTLY EN ROUTE FROM FLORIDA TO WASHINGTON, D.C.  
AND WILL ALSO BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON FRIDAY 9/14/73.

SOURCE UNWARE OF STATUS OF STEINBRENNER'S DEALINGS WITH COX  
COMMITTEE AND ALSO DOES NOT KNOW THE ANTICIPATED PLANS OF STEINBRENNER  
WEEK OF 9/17-21/73.

IT APPEARS THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT STEINBRENNER IS UNAVAILABLE

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PENDING THE SERVING OF ADDITIONAL SUBPOENAS ON

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[REDACTED] AND THEIR FGJ TESTIMONY

IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

CLEVELAND WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SOURCE RE  
STEINBRENNER'S AVAILABILITY AND REPORT SAME TO BUREAU.

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10:15 PM NITEL 9/17/73 JSM

TO DIRECTOR (56-4737)

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6 AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY; GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER;  
ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE  
UNIT); OO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND WASHINGTON FIELD,  
9/13/73.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, CONTACT WITH HIGHLY PLACED  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT THE AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO MORNING OF 9/17/73, DETERMINED THAT GEORGE  
M. STEINBRENNER IS STILL CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW  
AND BELIEVED TO BE PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM  
FLORIDA AND LIKELY WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AT LEAST UNTIL  
TUESDAY, 9/18/73 AND POSSIBLY LONGER.

AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, IT APPEARS STEINBRENNER WILL BE  
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UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AT LEAST WHILE PERTINENT FEDERAL  
GRAND JURY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IS HEARING TESTIMONY FROM

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BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: 9/26/73

FROM : R. E. Long

1- Mr. Gebhardt  
1- Mr. Long  
1- Mr. [redacted]

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY  
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER  
ELECTION LAWS  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION -  
WATERGATE UNIT)

Cleveland, Ohio

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

On the afternoon of 9/25/73, Attorney [redacted] of  
the Special Prosecutor's Office telephonically advised Super-  
visor [redacted] that [redacted]

[redacted] Cleveland, has been invited to testify  
on 9/27/73 before the Federal grand jury, Washington, D. C.,

[redacted] Mr. [redacted]  
advised that [redacted] is not a target of the grand jury  
although [redacted]

At the request of the Special Prosecutor's Office, our  
Cleveland Office has interviewed eight executives of captioned  
firm to obtain their explanations of contributions to CRP  
attributed to these officers in amounts varying between  
\$2,800 and \$3,500. These officers whose annual salaries  
were in the range of \$15,000 to \$20,000 admitted they made  
contributions as indicated, admitted that they received  
company bonuses at about the time they made the contributions,  
in the approximate amount of the contributions, but claimed  
they would have made the political contribution even if they  
had not received the bonuses. Our Cleveland Office also  
obtained [redacted]

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Long to Gebhardt  
RE: AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY

Based on the results of our investigation, the Special  
Prosecutor's Office has



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ACTION: This is for information. We have completed all  
investigation requested to date.

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IMMEDIATE

TO: SAC, Cleveland (56-83)

FROM: Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

10/17/73

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY  
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER  
ELECTION LAWS  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION -  
WATERGATE UNIT)  
OO: WFO

ReBucal to SAC, Cleveland, 10/16/73.

Attached for Cleveland is a copy of 10/15/73 request from Henry S. Ruth, Jr., Special Prosecutor's Office, and for WFO in a sealed envelope is one copy of same request.

This investigation is to be afforded highest priority and security. Cleveland to assign most capable personnel to achieve prompt positive results. Cleveland to submit daily summary teletype until matter is resolved.

Attachment

1- WFO (Mail Copy) (Personal Attention)(Attachment)

NOTE: ReBucal made by Section Chief Long to SAC Fehl 10/16/73 in which SAC was advised as above.

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## WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTION FORCE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Memorandum

TO : Clarence M. Kelly  
 Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 FROM : *HR* ATTN: Accounting & Frauds Section  
 Henry S. Ruth, Jr.  
 Deputy Special Prosecutor  
 Watergate Special Prosecution Force

DATE: Oct. 15, 1973

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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In the course of our investigation into possible violations by American Shipbuilding Company and its officers and employees of federal statutes relating to corporate political contributions and obstruction of justice, we have interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of American Shipbuilding. [REDACTED] has stated that he has spoken several times with [REDACTED], chemist with Protective Chemicals, a Cleveland chemical company. Beginning around Labor Day Weekend, 1973, [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] for information concerning the investigation of American Shipbuilding by the Special Prosecutor's Office. [REDACTED] has told [REDACTED] that he has a "source" close to the Special Prosecutor's Office. This "source" told [REDACTED] that if George Steinbrenner (the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Shipbuilding) came to the Special Prosecutor's Office and acknowledged his participation in an illegal corporate political contribution, this office would not press any obstruction of justice charges. [REDACTED] also told [REDACTED] as late as September 18, that the door to the Special Prosecutor's Office was still open.

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[REDACTED] has previously told [REDACTED] that the Department of Justice would agree to a settlement of an antitrust action against American Shipbuilding by accepting the divestiture of 3 ships by the company. That advice proved to be correct. [REDACTED] has also told [REDACTED] that the Government would not approve a shipyard acquisition by American Shipbuilding while the company was involved in the present investigation. That information has, thus far, proved to be accurate.

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*CCWFO (mc)*  
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[redacted] should be interviewed as soon as possible to determine the name of his "source" close to the Special Prosecutor's Office. [redacted] should also be questioned as to his conversations with [redacted] and with his "source." The nature of each of those conversations should be established including the date of the conversation, what [redacted] asked to be done, and what information about the Special Prosecutor's investigation was obtained from the "source" and relayed to [redacted]. In addition [redacted] should be questioned as to the basis for his information about the Department of Justice - what information has he obtained about the Department, from whom, when, under what circumstances, and what information was relayed to [redacted].

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If further clarification of this investigative request is required, please contact [redacted] Associate Special Prosecutor.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (56-4737)

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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER,  
ELECTION LAWS. (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION-WATERGATE UNIT)

00:WFO.

RECUTEL, 10-19-73.

[REDACTED] APPEARED AT THE CLEVELAND OFFICE ON  
THE MORNING OF 10-19-73, EXECUTED A VOLUNTARY APPEARANCE FORM  
AND FURNISHED PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF TOLL RECORDS FOR  
6/29-10/2/73 FOR THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ISSUED TO HIS PLACE OF  
EMPLOYMENT, PROTECTIVE CHEMICALS, INC., CLEVELAND, OHIO. THE  
TOLL RECORDS FURNISHED ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY  
CONFIDENTIALLY OBTAINED BY THE CLEVELAND OFFICE ON 10-18-73.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE CAN ACCOUNT FOR ALL CLEVELAND  
TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TELEPHONE CALLS PLACED TO HIS BUSINESS  
NUMBERS AND VERIFIED PHONE CALLS PLACED TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE NO OTHER TELE-

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PHONE CALLS WOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND ANY SUCH CALLS RELATING TO [REDACTED] THE COX COMMITTEE OR ANY WASHINGTON, D.C. LAW FIRMS WOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED BY HIM. *CHLO*

[REDACTED] NOTED HE RECALLS RETURNING A TELEPHONE CALL TO [REDACTED] TO A WASHINGTON, D.C. LAW FIRM WHICH EMPLOYED ATTORNEYS

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHO HE BELIEVES WERE REPRESENTING THE

[REDACTED] SUBPOENAED BY THE COX COMMITTEE. HE

ALSO RECALLS A SECOND CALL PLACED SEVERAL WEEKS LATER TO A LAW FIRM REPRESENTING [REDACTED] AND AT THAT TIME [REDACTED] WAS TIED UP WITH HIS ATTORNEY [REDACTED] (PH) AND [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED HIS CALL.

[REDACTED] REITERATED THAT ANY CONVERSATIONS HE WOULD HAVE HAD WITH [REDACTED] CONCERNING GEORGE STEINBRENNER OR THE AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY WOULD HAVE BEEN MERELY ADVICE OFFERED FREELY TO [REDACTED] AND IN NO WAY REPRESENTED ANY KIND OF KNOWLEDGE BASED ON ANY OUTSIDE INFORMATION FROM ANY OTHER PERSONS ANYWHERE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT DURING THE INTERVIEW ON THE EVENING OF 10-18-73 [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] TELEPHONED

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HIS RESIDENCE TWICE. IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO [ ] HE WAS TO MEET WITH [ ] THIS DATE SUBSEQUENT TO LEAVING THE FBI OFFICE.

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[ ] ADVISED THAT HE HAD TELEPHONED [ ] THURSDAY EVENING, 10-18-73 CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW BY THE FBI AND THAT [ ] DID NOT SHOW ANY SURPRISE CONCERNING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE INTERVIEW. [ ] ADVISED AT THE TIME HE APPEARED IN THE CLEVELAND OFFICE ON 10-19-73 THAT HE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MATTER OTHER THAN THAT OBTAINED BY CLEVELAND AGENTS FROM HIM ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 18 LAST.

REPORT CONTAINING INVESTIGATION IN CLEVELAND DIVISION BEING IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO BUREAU.  
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2:00 AM URGENT 10/19/73 JSM  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI (56-4737)

WFO

FROM CLEVELAND (56-83)

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER,  
ELECTION LAWS. (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION-WATERGATE UNIT),  
OO WFO.

RE BUREAU TELCALL AND BUREAU AIRTEL, 10/17/73; CLEVELAND  
TELCALL TO WFO, 10/18/73.

REFERENCED BUREAU AIRTEL REQUESTED INVESTIGATION RE ONE

[REDACTED] ASSOCIATED WITH PROTECTIVE CHEMICALS, A CLEVELAND  
CHEMICAL COMPANY AND CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN ONE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

FOR AMSHIP.. Ohio

INVESTIGATION AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, DETERMINED TRUE  
IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] TO BE [REDACTED]  
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CLEVELAND CITY DIRECTORY LISTS [REDACTED]  
PROTECTIVE CHEMICALS, INC., 2060 HAMILTON AVENUE, CLEVELAND, Ohio  
WITH [REDACTED] RESIDENCE BRUNSWICK, OHIO.

BUREAU'S ATTENTION DIRECTED TO BUFILE 105-193684,  
CAPTIONED "[REDACTED] IS - YU", WHICH, IN BRIEF, INDICATES  
[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS, CLEVELAND, IN 1967 AND 1969.  
HE WAS INTERVIEWED RE UNDERGROUND CROATIAN MOVEMENT AND  
POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS. HE ADMITTED PUBLISHING MONTHLY  
NEWSPAPER, CIRCULATION OF ABOUT 150, AND ADVISED HIS  
ATTORNEY, [REDACTED], PERMITTED HIM TO USE HIS  
REPRODUCING EQUIPMENT FOR PRODUCING NEWSPAPER. HE  
INDICATED AT THAT TIME HE WOULD "BE" [REDACTED] OF SURFATHANE  
CHEMICALS, INC., 2060; <sup>HAMILTON AVENUE,</sup> ~~2060; 2060; 2060; 2060;~~ CLEVELAND.

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[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE; DOB [REDACTED] SARAJEVO,  
YUGOSLAVIA; 5'10"; 187 POUNDS; BROWN HAIR; BROWN EYES;  
DARK COMPLEXION; NATURALIZED 8/5/66, USDC, CLEVELAND.  
SURFATHANE CHEMICALS, INC. PRODUCED UNDERCOATING FOR  
AUTOMOBILES.

[REDACTED] HAD CONTACTED WHITE HOUSE TO ADVISE OF UNREST  
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OF CROATIAN ELEMENT IN CLEVELAND, ACCORDING TO U.S. SECRET  
SERVICE IN 6/69.

RECORD REVIEW:

DUNN AND BRADSTREET, INC., CLEVELAND, MADE AVAILABLE DATA  
10/18/73 RE PROTECTIVE CHEMICALS, INC.;

PROTECTIVE CHEMICALS FORMED BY MERGER OF  
SURFATHANE CHEMICALS, INC., 7/69.

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[REDACTED] COMPANY MANUFACTURES ROOF

COATINGS FOR MOBILE HOMES AND RUST-PROOFING CHEMICALS FOR  
AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS. EMPLOYS 13 PEOPLE.

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TELEPHONE TOLL RECORDS (CONFIDENTIAL)

REVIEW OF RECORDS OBTAINED FOR NUMBERS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] ALL OF WHICH ARE ISSUED TO  
SUPRA PROTECTIVE CHEMICALS, INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF 6/29-10/2/73,  
WHICH TOLL RECORDS REFLECT A VOLUMINOUS NUMBER OF CALLS TO AND  
FROM VARIOUS CITIES.

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A REVIEW OF TELEPHONE CALLS PLACED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. NUMBERS LOCATED A ONE MINUTE TELEPHONE CALL PLACED AT 8:56 AM ON 9/4/73 TO (202) 223-6000, IDENTIFIED AS THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE "WASHINGTON POST" NEWSPAPER; A ONE MINUTE TELEPHONE CALL PLACED SEVERAL MINUTES THEREAFTER AT 9:02 AM, ALSO ON 9/4/73, TO 737-8200, A NUMBER FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; A FIVE MINUTE TELEPHONE CALL PLACED ONE MINUTE LATER AT 9:03 AM ON THE SAME DATE TO 655-4000, THE MAIN U.S. GOVERNMENT NUMBER.

AT 9:58 AM ON SAME DATE, 9/4/73, A THREE MINUTE CALL IS LISTED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. NUMBER 393-2300, THE MAIN NUMBER FOR SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

ON 9/10/73, AT 10:08 AM, A THREE MINUTE CALL IS LISTED TO 638-6565 FOR A LAW FIRM AT 839 17TH STREET, NW, BELIEVED TO BE COMPRISED OF 31 PARTNERS, INCLUDING [REDACTED].

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ON 9/18/73, THREE SEPARATE PHONE CALLS ARE LISTED AS HAVING BEEN PLACED TO 785-1000, THE HOTEL MADISON, WASHINGTON, D.C., INCLUDING A 13 MINUTE CALL AT 7:51 AM; SEVEN MINUTE CALL AT 8:32 AM AND A THREE MINUTE CALL AT 11:55 AM. A TEN MINUTE CALL TO THAT NUMBER WAS ALSO PLACED AT 9:26 AM ON 9/22/73.

IN ADDITION, TELEPHONE TOLL CALLS FOR PHONE [REDACTED] LISTED TO [REDACTED] BRUNSWICK, OHIO, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES SOUTH OF CLEVELAND, WERE OBTAINED WHICH INCLUDED FOLLOWING PHONE CALLS PLACED TO WASHINGTON, D.C.:

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A THREE MINUTE CALL IS LISTED AS HAVING BEEN PLACED AT 9:04 AM ON 9/3/73 TO 223-6000, THE "WASHINGTON POST".

ON 9/4/73, A 12 MINUTE CALL IS LISTED FOR 3:29 PM TO 298-5970, THE LAW FIRM OF BECKER AND GREENWALD, 1701 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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IN ADDITION, AS NOTED ON THE BUSINESS TELEPHONE RECORDS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE ALSO LISTED AS HAVING BEEN PLACED TO 785-1000, THE HOTEL MADISON, INCLUDING A ONE MINUTE CALL AT 5:37 PM ON 9/18/73; A 20 MINUTE CALL AT 2:11 PM ON 9/22/73; ONE MINUTE CALL AT 10:00 PM ON 9/23/73; AND A 30 MINUTE CALL AT 11:04 PM ON 9/23/73.

WITH REGARD TO THE PERTINENT DATES LISTED ABOVE, IT IS BELIEVED THAT [REDACTED] REPORTED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., BEGINNING 9/4/73, IN RESPONSE TO SUBPOENAS ISSUED.

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INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]:

ON 10/18/73, [REDACTED] WAS LOCATED AT HIS RESIDENCE EXECUTED A WAIVER OF RIGHTS FORM AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING:  
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PRIOR TO BEING ADVISED OF SPECIFIC NATURE OF CONTACT BY CLEVELAND AGENTS, HE INDICATED HE WAS AWARE OF REASON AND WAS EXPECTING A VISIT FROM "SOMEBODY", LIKELY AGENTS FROM FBI, BASED UPON FACT THAT UPON THE RETURN OF [REDACTED] FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. TO CLEVELAND ON SATURDAY, 10/13/73, [REDACTED] CONTACTED [REDACTED] AT HIS PLANT. AT THAT TIME, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] TOLD HIM THAT DURING A CONVERSATION WITH (FNU) [REDACTED] OF THE COX COMMITTEE, [REDACTED] AND (FNU) [REDACTED] (PH) OR [REDACTED] (PH) [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] MAY HAVE GIVEN [REDACTED] THE IMPRESSION THAT HE, [REDACTED] HAD GIVEN [REDACTED] VALUABLE INFO RELATIVE TO COX'S INQUIRY. [REDACTED] BELIEVES [REDACTED] REPRESENTED JOHN DEAN. [REDACTED] FEELS [REDACTED] SPECIFICALLY TOLD HIM THE DETAILS OF THEIR CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] TO SOMEHOW PREPARE [REDACTED]

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FOR A POSSIBLE INTERVIEW CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

[ ] EXPLAINED HE HAS KNOWN [ ]  
FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS AND IS VERY CLOSE TO [ ] TO THE  
EXTENT THAT [ ] PERSONALLY VISITS WITH HIM AT LEAST  
THREE TIMES A WEEK AND CALLS HIM MANY TIMES A DAY, CLAIMING  
EVEN THAT [ ] CALLS HAD BECOME A NUISANCE AT HIS  
PLACE OF BUSINESS. [ ] STATED [ ] HAS TOLD HIM ABOUT  
THE \$100,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAMPAIGN FUND. [ ]  
CLAIMS [ ] TOLD HIM THAT THE CONTRIBUTION AROSE OUT OF  
A DINNER BETWEEN GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER AND [ ] WHO  
WAS CHARACTERIZED BY [ ] AS A MEMBER OF THE NIXON  
RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN, A BOARD MEMBER OF AMERICAN SHIP  
BUILDING COMPANY, AND FAMILIAR WITH PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON'S  
FORMER LAW FIRM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

CONCERNING THE CONTRIBUTION, [ ] CLAIMED [ ]  
TOLD HIM OF THE FBI INVESTIGATION AND THE FACT THAT EIGHT AMSHIP  
OFFICERS HAD FURNISHED STATEMENTS TO FBI AGENTS. [ ]  
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NAMED (FNU) [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AS  
INDIVIDUALS HE KNOWS [REDACTED]  
OHIO, WHO WERE INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AND SUBPOENAED TO  
WASHINGTON, D.C. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE, [REDACTED] WAS  
ADMONISHED BY STEINBRENNER TO STAY AWAY FROM AND HAVE NO CONTACT  
WITH ANY OF THE [REDACTED] AND RECALLED  
SPECIFICALLY A PHRASE [REDACTED]

AFTER [REDACTED] HAD TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ALONG WITH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LEARNED THAT THE ACCOUNTS OF  
THE CONTRIBUTIONS AS GIVEN BY THE OFFICERS WERE BASED ON THE  
INSTRUCTIONS OF STEINBRENNER AND THAT [REDACTED] CLAIMED NO  
KNOWLEDGE RE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS.  
MOREOVER, AFTER [REDACTED]  
AT WASHINGTON, D.C., THE ATTORNEYS FOR [REDACTED] NAMED BY  
[REDACTED] AS [REDACTED] RECOMMENDED TO [REDACTED]  
THAT HE OBTAIN HIS OWN ATTORNEY IN HIS OWN BEST INTEREST,  
AT WHICH TIME, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] TELEPHONED  
[REDACTED] AND APPRISED HIM OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED, WHEREUPON  
[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THEY, OR STEINBRENNER, ARE  
TRYING TO "DUMP IT ON YOUR LAP", APPARENTLY REFERRING TO THE  
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RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TURNABOUT IN THE TESTIMONY AND  
POSSIBLY THE ENTIRE COURSE OF THE PROSECUTION.

[ ] ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE TOLD [ ] WHEN ASKED  
FOR ADVICE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO NEED FOR ANYONE TO  
VOLUNTARILY APPEAR IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO TESTIFY IF THAT  
PERSON HAD DONE NO WRONG. HE ALSO CLAIMED, ON THE OTHER  
HAND, TO HAVE RECOMMENDED TO [ ] THAT STEINBRENNER  
TESTIFY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., PRIOR TO ANY TESTIMONY OF THE

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[ ] AND DO SO VOLUNTARILY BEFORE BEING  
SUBPOENAED, PARTICULARLY IF HE, STEINBRENNER, WERE CONFIDENT  
THAT NO LAW HAD BEEN VIOLATED.

[ ] REITERATED NUMEROUS TIMES THROUGHOUT INTERVIEW  
THAT THE ADVICE HE FURNISHED [ ] WAS BASED ON PLAIN  
COMMON SENSE.

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IN ADDITION, WITH REGARD TO STEINBRENNER, [ ]  
REFERRED TO AN INSTANCE PRIOR TO THE GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS  
AT WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE [ ] EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN  
STEINBRENNER'S INTEGRITY INASMUCH AS STEINBRENNER HAD  
CONFIDED SOMETHING PERSONAL TO [ ] THAT IS, THE FACT  
THAT STEINBRENNER'S WIFE WAS REPORTEDLY IN ILL HEALTH. AT  
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THAT TIME, [ ] EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO MEET STEINBRENNER SO THAT HE COULD EVALUATE HIM WHEREUPON [ ] ARRANGED A PRETEXT MEETING ATTENDED BY [ ] STEINBRENNER, AND [ ] AN [ ] FOR AMSHIP. THE MEETING, ACCORDING TO [ ] LASTED ABOUT ONE HOUR AND CONCERNED STEINBRENNER'S SUSPICIONS THAT HIS COMPETITION WAS AWARE OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS AND EVERYTHING HE DID AND ALSO SUSPECTED HIS PHONES MIGHT BE TAPPED. PRETEXT WAS THAT [ ] HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE RE PHONES.

SOMETIME AFTER THE MEETING HAD CONCLUDED, [ ] TOLD HIM THAT HE, [ ] WAS ASKED BY STEINBRENNER AND/OR [ ] IF [ ] WAS [ ] CONTACT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. [ ] OFFERED THIS VOLUNTARILY, POSSIBLY AS AN EXPLANATION AS TO THE REASON FOR [ ] OR ANY OTHER PERSONS THINKING THAT [ ] MIGHT HAVE SOME CONTACTS OR INFLUENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS WAS NEVER DISCUSSED IN FURTHER DETAIL.

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[ ] READILY ADMITTED HE HAD BEEN IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH [ ] WHILE [ ] WAS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING SEVERAL CALLS TO THE HOTEL MADISON WHERE [ ] STAYED, THE PURPOSE BEING [ ] TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH HIM AND RETURN CALLS TO FURNISH [ ] ADVICE,

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AS A CONFIDANT AND FRIEND AND FOR NO OTHER REASON. [REDACTED]  
ADMITTED CALLING WASHINGTON, D.C. NEWSPAPERS TO  
ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN OFFICE PHONE NUMBER OF COX'S  
COMMITTEE. HE CALLED COX'S COMMITTEE TO ASK ANYONE WHO  
WOULD SPEAK WITH HIM AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD NOT BE  
BETTER FOR A MAN TO VOLUNTARILY APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE  
RATHER THAN BEING SUBPOENAED. PURPOSE OF SUCH A QUESTION  
WAS THAT HE INTENDED TO GIVE THIS ADVICE TO [REDACTED]  
FOR RELAYING TO STEINBRENNER REGARDING HIS APPEARANCE. AN UNKNOWN  
MALE WOULD NOT DISCUSS THIS MATTER AND ASKED "ARE YOU  
CALLING FROM CLEVELAND?" AND HE REPLIED NEGATIVELY STATING  
HE WAS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE ALSO ADMITTED CALLING A  
LAW FIRM AS [REDACTED] TOLD HIM HE COULD LOCATE HIM THROUGH  
A LAW FIRM, IDENTITY OF WHICH HE DOES NOT RECALL, THE  
PURPOSE BEING TO RETURN A CALL [REDACTED] MADE TO HIM IN  
CLEVELAND.

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THE HERETOFORE MENTIONED OTHER CALLS IN WASHINGTON  
WERE FOR SAME PURPOSE, TO LOCATE [REDACTED] DENIED  
THAT HE HAS EVER BEEN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND FURTHER, THAT  
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HE KNOWS ANYONE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., INCLUDING STAFF OF COX'S COMMITTEE AND HAS NO SOURCE.

[ ] MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW LATEST RESIDENCE TELEPHONE BILL AND ADVISED OFFICE PHONE BILL WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AGENTS TOMORROW MORNING, 10/19/73.

RE ALLEGATION THAT [ ] HAD CLAIMED THAT IF STEINBRENNER APPEARED AT THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND ACKNOWLEDGED HIS PARTICIPATION IN AN ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION, [ ] CLAIMED HE DOES NOT RECALL ANY SUCH CONVERSATION WHATEVER AND NOTED ONLY THAT HE EXPRESSED TO [ ] THAT IF STEINBRENNER WERE SO CONFIDENT CONCERNING THE INTEGRITY OF HIS ACTIONS, HE, AS WELL AS ANY ONE ELSE, SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO TAKE SUCH ACTION.

CONCERNING THE ALLEGATION THAT HE PASSED ON INFORMATION THAT THE DOOR TO THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE WOULD STILL BE OPEN AS LATE AS 9/18/73, HE ADVISED THAT HE DOES NOT RECALL ANY DATE, BUT STATED THIS WAS COMMON SENSE AND HAD ALWAYS ENCOURAGED [ ] TO ADVISE STEINBRENNER TO GO IN  
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VOLUNTARILY.

CONCERNING ANY CONVERSATION WITH REGARD TO A SETTLEMENT OF AN ANTITRUST ACTION AGAINST AMSHIP, BASED ON ACCEPTANCE OF DIVESTITURE OF THREE SHIPS AT THAT COMPANY, [REDACTED] STATED HE DOES NOT RECALL ANY CONVERSATION RE ANY PARTICULAR NUMBER OF SHIPS. HE DID NOTE A PREVIOUS ACCOUNT, DATE OR MONTH UNRECALLED, WHEREIN ON THE MORNING OF ONE DAY,

[REDACTED] MADE REFERENCE TO THE FILING OF AN ANTITRUST CIVIL ACTION IN FEDERAL COURT IN CLEVELAND AGAINST AMSHIP WHICH INFO WAS CONFIRMED TO [REDACTED] BY ANOTHER UNRECALLED AND UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL IN CLEVELAND, POSSIBLY BY SOMEONE LIKE A CLERK OF COURT OR OTHER PARTY NOT RECALLED. WHEN PRESSED FOR DETAILS AND WHY SOMEONE SHOULD FURNISH [REDACTED] WITH SUCH INFO, [REDACTED] OFFERED THE EXPLANATION THAT HE IS KNOWN AS A VERY CLOSE CONFIDANT OF [REDACTED] WHO IS KNOWN AS A HIGH OFFICIAL OF AMSHIP.

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WITH REGARD TO ANY CONVERSATION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A SHIPYARD ACQUISITION BY AMSHIP WHILE THE COMPANY  
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WAS UNDER INVESTIGATION, [ ] OFFERED THE EXPLANATION TO THIS AS WELL AS THE OTHER INSTANCES CITED THAT SUCH A STANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE LOGICAL.

UPON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., [ ] INFORMED [ ] THAT HE HAD TOLD [ ] THE INFO MENTIONED ABOVE ABOUT THE ANTITRUST SUIT AND [ ] HAD SAID " THAT IS NOT TRUE", WHEREUPON [ ] TRIED TO REFRESH HIS RECOLLECTION SAYING "DON'T YOU REMEMBER ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS MUST HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE ANTITRUST SUIT".

[ ] REITERATED THAT [ ] ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, ASKED HIM FOR ADVICE RE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED OF AMSHIP AND DID NOT ASK FOR INFO CONCERNING INVESTIGATION AS [ ] SAID HE HAD NO INFO.

[ ] SAID [ ] TOLD HIM THAT WHILE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., HIS, [ ] GAVE HIM, [ ] A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AND OBTAINED 36-PAGE STATEMENT FROM

[ ] ACCORDING TO [ ] SAID THAT [ ] TOLD [ ] THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT REQUEST THAT [ ]

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TAKE A SECOND POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

IT IS NOT KNOWN FROM REVIEW OF WATERGATE SPECIAL  
PROSECUTION FORCE MEMO DATED 10/15/73, AS TO WHETHER OR NOT

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INTERVIEWING AGENTS OF DEFINITE OPINION FROM CONTACT  
WITH [ ] THAT [ ] HAS BEEN AND IS HEAVILY RELYING  
ON ADVICE FROM [ ] IN THIS MATTER AND IN HIS DAILY  
RESPONSIBILITIES WITH AMSHIP.

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GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER  
ELECTION LAWS  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION -  
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Re Cleveland report of SA [ ] 10/24/73.

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REFERENCE

Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 10/17/73, enclosing copy of 10/15/73 request from HENRY S. RUTH, JR., Special Prosecutor's Office.

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